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Pow! Wow! Hawaii Paints the Town



The wall created by artist Hueman n Cooke Street during last years' festival. She is one of 56 artists who will converge Kaka'ako turning buildings into canvas throughout the week of February 8-13th. Photo credited to powwowhawaii.com.

What do you do when you spot over 50 people armed with spray paint converging into Kaka'ako? Head over and watch of course! On February 6th, Pow! Wow! Hawaii brings its art and music festival back to the island for the 6th time, and this time promises to be bigger and better than ever before, including closing out with a huge concert and party.

This unique event offers a full week of creativity provided by the nearly 100 artists, musicians, and photographers from around the world, that have all gathered together and feeding off of each other, create a party-like atmosphere of artistic innovation, and giving us a colorful backdrop as they use the once drab, grey, dilapidated sides of buildings in the Kaka'ako area as their canvas. It's a weeklong event of gallery shows, lectures, art and music workshops, mural projects, concerts and live art installations.

Based off an event originally begun in Hong Kong, local award-winning artist, Jasper Wong, the man behind behind that red floral "wrap" of the DFS store as they rebranded to "T Galleries" gathered some of his artist friends together and brought the concept to Hawaii in 2010. Since then, the Hawaii event has grown and other artists have done the same in their communities so that this festival now takes places round the world, including Germany, Taiwan, Israel, Guam and more.

According to organizer Jasper Wong, "We are

inspired by Native American Pow Wows. Pow Wows are the Native American people's way of meeting together, to join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships, and making new ones. " They bring that mentality to this festival, gathering artists of all different fields and putting them together for one week of non-stop art and creativity. What happens when you put that many creative type people on one area for a brief period of time? An explosion of inspiration occurs. Kaka'ako will be covered with brightly colored works of art for the rest of us to enjoy all year long. But make sure you grab a picture of anything you that really strikes you, because that masterpiece will only be around for a short time. Each year, those wonderful works of art turn back into a blank canvas so the next work of art has room to appear.

If this type of event sparks your interest, there are plenty of chances to pop by and watch it unfold. For those really interested in the behind the scenes aspect, The Modern Honolulu will be featuring the team behind of the event in a special "Study Hall" discussion to be held on February 4th at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend the event and hear what they have to say. The festival itself kicks off with a special Night Market on February 6th. It's the same event as they hold each month, just backed up 2 weeks to accommodate the festival with an even wider audience than before.

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Valentine's Day Ideas

Valentine's Day is coming up. What to do? In addition to trying to figure out your own plans, you also need to be prepared with any number of inquiries from your guests about what they should do. Aside from the standard dinner reservations, for which I might add nearly every restaurant in town has a special menu and most all of them are sold out already, what else is there to do? Are they going big budget, or keeping it low key? Here are a few ideas that may help you out.

Big heart, small budget? Not a problem. We live in paradise and nature offers it own reward on a daily basis. Personally I'm a big sunset fan. If you follow me on Facebook or Instagram, you know I make a point to try capture sunsets as often as possible. My friend was visiting recently as we hopped on the boat to get out in the bay to catch the sunset and she was laughing... saying "OMG I forgot this about Hawaii. I love how catching sunset is such a "thing" here and everybody races to go see it and sometimes even applaud when it goes down. On the mainland people don't really care, they're like, yeah. . It's a sunset. They don't get it." So lucky us, we live in one of the most beautiful places in the world and the simple and inexpensive act of grabbing a bottle of bubbly and heading out to watch the sun go down can easily turn into an extremely romantic moment. The same goes in reverse for you early risers out there. Walking up to the Makapuu Lighthouse and watching the sunrise is always amazing. If you're lucky, you might catch a whale breaching in the distance.

Our beautiful island offers plenty of outdoor options. I sent out an email asking for your suggestions and many of you emailed me back. Veronica Paige, a concierge at The Modern Honolulu says "For a low budget yet romantic

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Uh Oh... Typos!

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery," James Joyce once said. Well that just great, but what exactly was I supposed to discover with my massive typo on the back cover last month? Normally when I make a mistake in the book, which happens more that I like to admit, I usually console myself that most people won't actually see it. Not this time. I made sure that my mistake was in big huge letters on the back cover on a photograph of our Concierge of the Year winner that everyone would look at. Yup leave it to me to announce our concierge of the year winner for 2105! Read that number again. See what I did? Bet I'm not the only one that missed it, am I? Or is that my wishful thinking coming out? Oh well.. There's nothing I can do about it now except for own it. Yup, I screwed up! Go big or go home they say, and I guess I went big. There were actually quite a few typos in last month's book aside from that, and I apologize. It was a crazy month and it took a toll. That being said, if the worst thing that happened to me last month was that I printed the wrong year in giant letters on my back cover, things really aren't that bad after all, are they? Life goes on....

It did make me think about the book and how each month unfolds. When things get that crazy mistakes are bound to happen. So, I've taken some steps to ensure the deadline process is a little less chaotic going forward. Hopefully it works. It's also that time of year that I take a look at what I'm doing with the book and implement any changes I feel its time for. I just watched Kings of Spade tear it up onstage a few days ago at their live tribute to Amy Winehouse. Amazing concert by the way. I just love these guys. Such an awesome band to see live. They rock! Did you know that two of the band members are concierge? Jessie Savio, their guitar player, works for Elite Concierge and lead singer Kasi Nunes is a concierge at the Vive Hotel. Last month Cassandra Robinson told me about how she's started weaving lauhala in her spare time for her new company. That got me thinking. How many others of you out there do something really cool on the side? Let me know. I'd like to interview you guys. I'm looking at starting a new section in the book about industry employees with cool part time jobs. I'll start with Jessie and Kasi but I know there are more of you out there, so let me know. This is an industry publication, so I think it would be pretty cool to be able to delve further into what kind of people make up this industry. We all know what you do for a living, but I can only spotlight one concierge a month for COTM. This will allow me a chance to reach out a bit further, and I think it could be pretty interesting. Another aspect of this would be unusual jobs within the industry. I've always wanted to talk to the mermaids in the Oceanarium. I mean, how does one even think of going for a job to be a mermaid in a 280,000-gallon aquarium swimming around while people eat? There are so many random jobs out there. If you know of anything or person that would work, send them my way. This could be fun!



Yada Yada



Kimberly Agas

A belated congratulations to **Kimberly Agas** who was promoted to General Manager of the *Aulani, Disney Resort & Spa* in December. Kimberly stepped into the position Elliott Mills vacated when he was promoted to vice president, hotel operations for the The Walt Disney Company. In this new role, Elliot will oversee the Disneyland Hotel, Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel, Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa in Anaheim, California as well as continue to oversee the Aulani. • *Starwood Hotels & Resorts* in Waikiki has announced that **Sherri Thadeus** has been named account director of groups. In her new role, Thadeus will lead the group sales effort at the four Starwood properties in Waikiki as well as overseeing the DC and Chicago markets for self-contained and citywide meetings and will maintain

her office in the Washington, D.C. / Virginia area. Most recently, Thadeus served as regional director of accounts for the Hawaii Convention Center/Meet Hawaii, developing new business leads in the U.S. East Coast markets. • The *Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort and Spa* has announced that announces **Barbara Brandvold** has been named their Employee of the Year and **Alex Watson** their Manager of the Year. Barbara has been with the Hyatt since it first opened forty years ago. Alex started at the front desk and has worked himself up to providing management services to the Regency Club Lounge, Bell, and Valet teams. Employees selected for these high honors have demonstrated above and beyond all others that they are able to deliver personal experiences to guests and associates by making authentic human connections, according to the Hyatt, and make a difference in the lives of all those they touch every day. Congratulations to you both!

26th annual Na Po'e Pa'ahana Awards

The Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association recently held their annual award ceremony that allows the hospitality industry to recognize the "hard working people" that help make Hawaii one of the top destinations in the world. The nominees and the winners exemplify the dedication, work ethic, strength, community leadership and Aloha Spirit that make this industry as strong as it is. It is the people that make up the heart and soul of Hawaii's tourism industry what it is, and it's virtually impossible to recognize everyone that makes it so special. The HLTA has strived to celebrate as many of them as possible for the past 26 years. Recipients are chosen based on nominations submitted by their colleagues and supervisors and are judged based on their service to their guests, their co-workers and the community.



Mufi Hanneman, Shermaine Salazar-Hunter, first place winner, Pamela Keppler from the Royal Hawaiian, Skye Litsey and Ben Rafter at this year's HLTA Awards. Photo courtesy Cori Hara.

The neighbor islands had a very strong showing this year, including taking home the top prize of Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year. That honor went to Emily Arcanget, a Regency Club concierge at the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa. Second place also went to a Maui property while third place was captured by Celena Burkhardt of the Trump International Hotel.

The top two places for Manager of the Year were also given to neighbor island properties but Susan Smith of the Hilton Hawaiian Village took home third place honors.

Oahu properties swept the podium for Housekeeper of the Year. First place went to Kin Tam from the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort and Spa. Second place to Michelle Camit from the Turtle Bay Resort and third place to Janet Li from Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club

Oahu properties also captured the top two spot in both the Engineering/Maintenance Person of the

Year and the Food & Beverage Person of the Year categories. For F&B, Laurence San Juan of the Halekulani took home first place with Norman Nakasone of the Sheraton Waikiki capturing second place. In the Maintenance category, the Sheraton Waikiki's Douglas McCracken took first place with Stacey Agcaoili from the Hyatt Regency Waikiki taking second.

Another sweep for Oahu came in the Front Office Person of the Year category. Big congratulations go out to Pamela Keppler, a concierge at The Royal Hawaiian, and a former concierge of the month winner of ours, who took home the top honor. Second place went to Shermaine Salazar-Hunter of the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and third place went to Skye Litsey of the Holiday Inn Resort Waikiki Beachcomber.

The top Bell/Valet of the Year went to Lowell Sandborn of the Sheraton Waikiki. The Big Island grabbed second, but third place went to Outrigger Waikiki's Troy Hiura.

Last but not least Oahu properties also garnered the top two awards in the Security Officer of the Year category. Congratulations go out to first place finisher John Pirtle from the Hilton Hawaiian Village and second place finisher, Jason Kahoaka from the Waikiki Beach Marriott.

In a new category introduced this year, the Turtle Bay Resort was given the "The Leader in Sustainability Award", for showing leadership in preserving our environment, conserving energy, and other areas that enhance the islands' natural beauty.

Congratulations to the over 250 people that made up this years nominees. Each and every one of you is a shining example of what makes this industry so special.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA *Newsflash*

GO HOLOHOLO WITH POLYAD

Gray Line Hawaii has introduced a One Day tour that takes guests from Oahu to Hilo for a day to experience the Big Island by air and land. In partnership with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, this "all-inclusive" tour explores Hawaii Island's active volcanoes from above onboard a Blue Hawaiian helicopter and then visits the famous sites of the Big Island on a land tour. The tour is designed for the budget-conscious traveler on an abbreviated timetable. Transportation from Waikiki area hotels, airfare from Oahu, the helicopter tour and the Volcano Adventure land tour are included in the "H2 Blue" combo tour. Available daily except Sundays. Call 833-3000 or polyadtours.com.

MADRE CHOCOLATE TO ADD CAFE

Madre Chocolate has announced that they will be renovating their Chinatown location to include a commercial kitchen in the back and open a cafe in the next few months. The cafe will serve Menu sweet and savory items, traditional chocolate drinks and smoothies made from the cacao fruit. The company already conducts educational workshops and puts on pairing events, such as the Whiskey and Chocolate and Wine and Chocolate pairings they have planned for Valentine's Day weekend. With the enhanced space more events should be on the horizon. madrechocolate.com.

NOBU TO MOVE TO WARD

In advance of the Waikiki Parc upcoming closure in early 2017 for extensive renovations, Nobu Waikiki has secured a new location in the ground floor of the new Waiea condominium at Ward Village. Currently plans are to close the Waikiki location sometime in the fall, and immediately thereafter open the renamed, Nobu Honolulu, in the 10,000 squarefoot space once it is finished. Their new location will have 8,000 square feet indoors, and 2,000 square feet of outdoor dining space. The exact date of the closure as well as the date of the new location opening will depend on construction of course, so stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. 237-6990.

WALK WISE HAWAII

HPD will be out this month enforcing pedestrian safety laws with drivers and walkers, so please remind your guests of Hawaii's strict pedestrian laws when they're walking through Waikiki or other parts of Honolulu. Did you know it's against the law to enter a crosswalk after the countdown signal has started? Forgetting that key fact could set you back \$130. Be safe out there.

PINEAPPLES & PRINCESSES

The formerly named Princess Tam Tam Lingerie at Royal Hawaiian Center has rebranded itself as Pineapple Princess. The boutique will still carry the finest lingerie lines from Europe and America for him and her. The new store front is located in Building A, Level 3. royalhawaiiancenter.com

NEW SITE FOR ROYAL STAR HAWAII PEARL HARBOR TOURS

Royal Star Hawaii has launched a new, mobile-friendly website to enhance customers' experience when booking a Deluxe Pearl Harbor tour. The new website features a convenient "Book Now" button, tour itineraries and additional content for each tour option. The new website highlights three Royal Star Hawaii tours: the USS Arizona Memorial tour, the USS Battleship Missouri & Arizona Memorial tour, and the Group / Private tour option. When searching the new website, users will receive valuable information on each tour option, including ample images of the "Aloha on Wheels" experience. Check out the new website at gopearlharbor.com.

LE SPORTSAC RENOVATES

Le Sportsac has renovated their Waikiki Shopping Plaza to reflect the brands updated and upgraded new look. Their current collection incorporates updated silhouettes, lighter weight materials, and enhanced functionality features. Changes include a new interior fabric, the hardware, which was formerly from plastic is now aluminum, the straps have increased in width for comfort and the bags will boast more pockets for added functionality. The logo has been changed slightly. All of these changes have also been incorporated into the look of the store itself. lesportsac.com



GRAND CARVING STATION OPENS

Crab legs with drawn butter, Abalone, Giant Prawns, Lobster Tails, Prime Rib, Lamb Chops. This is not normal food court fare, but now that The Grand Carving Station has opened in the Pa'ina Lana'i Food Court at the Royal Hawaiian Center, it is. Featuring Blue Water Shrimp, known for their high quality trucks around town, and the menu overseen by Gilbert Sakaguchi, a stalwart in Hawaii's F & B scene. He started Mago's pizza years ago, and is the driving force behind the food at Barefoot Beach Café, DH Catering, and if you remember Makana's Return to Waikiki a few years ago. In other words, if Sakaguchi is behind it, the food will be good! Most items are around \$12.95-\$14.95. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: MOTODA HISAHARU

As part of programming for the exhibition Hiroshige's City: From Edo to Tokyo, lithographer Motoda Hisaharu will be at the Honolulu Museum of Art School print studio working on an artwork that he started in Tokyo. The public is invited to watch the artist in action from 10 a.m. to noon each day from February 9th -14th as he completes the plate then produces prints that he will donate to the Museum afterwards. honoluluuseum.org

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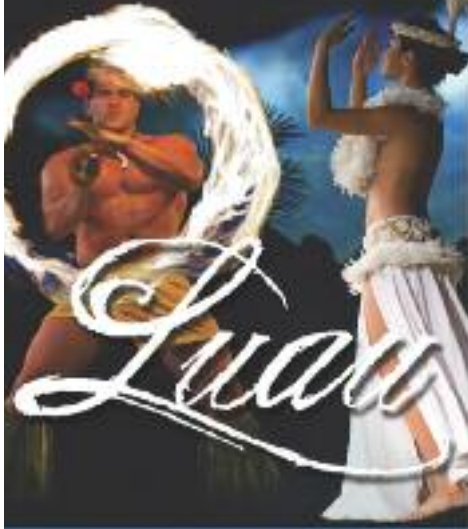
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This February's theatrical and arts scene on O'ahu is mostly a celebration of the arts from abroad: a never ending English murder mystery, a New Orleans blues duo mashup, Canadians

obsessed with metal, a Chinese violinist's interpretations of an Austrian composer with a symphony chaser composed by a man born in the Czech Republic, a weekly concert with the oldest civic band in the U.S. and a local artist who loves animals. This assortment of artistic expression is definitely the most eclectic selection we have ever had in one month. If you still have a guest who is not motivated by any of the above, then I suggest sending him or her to the poolside bar or a hike up Koko Head to contemplate the meaning of tequila.

The true meaning, or shall I write consequences, of too much tequila is revealing one's secrets and that is exactly what the characters do in Agatha's Christie's famous play *The Mousetrap* which is currently running at **DIAMOND HEAD THEATRE** through February 21st. This drawing-room-comedy/murder-mystery is the longest running play in history. The original production opened in London's West End in 1952 and it has never closed. Believe it or not, but one of the original cast members is still in the show, even though he died in 1999. The late actor Deryck Guyler provides the voice of the newsreader in the first act. (*At the time of this writing, I am not sure if the Diamond Head Theatre production will be using the same recording but let's hope so!*) Without giving away too much of the plot, the play is about a group of people gathered in a country house during winter and someone is accused of murder. Think Downton Abbey with less servants and snow. The play is famous for its twist ending which I will not reveal to you in this column but I can safely write that it doesn't involve the Dowager Countess in a mud wrestling match with Cousin Isabel. Hugh Bonneville who plays Robert Crawley on *Downton Abbey* once appeared in the London production. Show times are Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 7 p.m., Saturday Matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday Matinees at 4 p.m. To purchase tickets, call the box office at 733-0274 or visit the website at DiamondHeadTheatre.com. If anyone can e-mail me what show is the longest running musical, I will buy you a shot of tequila at the next Concierge Event. Here's a hint it's playing at the Jerry Orbach Theatre which is named after the actor who not only originated the lead character in the original production of the musical but also starred as a detective on NBC's *Law & Order*.

A little law and order with the Honolulu Police Department may be needed for **HAWAII THEATRE CENTER'S Marcia Bell & Johnny Nicholas Blues Ban** show on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. The Texas born, New Orleans piano player and singer Marcia Bell will be going head to head with ax-wielding blues guitarist Johnny Nicholas (he will not be wearing Jason's hockey mask from the Friday the 13th movies, so there will be no blood issues sitting in the front row) in a musical mash up of New Orleans Gram

and blues. Marcia is a Grammy® nominated-musician and Johnny has performed around the U.S. with Americana Roots Music legends such as Mississippi Fred McDowell, Robert Lockwood Jr., Big Walter Horton, Roosevelt Sykes, and Hound Dog Taylor. I know you probably have never heard of any of these dudes, but suggest Googling them. You'll be impressed, not to mention find out how old Guitar Johnny is? Tickets for the show are \$37 to \$42 and can be purchased online at HawaiiTheatre.com.

The next stop on our world wind tour of the arts is the land of the maple leaf and the **HAWAII SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** presenting the world famous *Canadian Brass* at the Blaisdell Concert Hall on Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. These Canadians know how to work a room and their antics on stage are a real joy from Baroque fugues to Dixieland tunes. These guys make brass instruments sexy. They were the first brass ensemble from the West to perform in the People's Republic of China as well as the first brass group to take the main stage at the venerable Carnegie Hall. Tickets range from \$27-\$79. If brass really isn't your guests' thing, then maybe they're hungry for some M&Ms, as in, Mozart & Mahler. Then lucky for them the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra presents *Mozart & Mahler featuring guest Maestro James Feddeck & Violinist Cho-Liang "Jimmy" Lin* in a program featuring Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major and Mahler's powerful Symphony No. 5 in C-Sharp Minor also at the Blaisdell Concert Hall on Saturday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 28th at 4 p.m. Ticket range from \$34-\$92. These tickets and the ones for the Canadian Brass are available for purchase at HawaiiSymphonyOrchestra.com.

Another option for live music is the *Royal Hawaiian Band* Concert every Friday on the grounds of **IOLANI PALACE** next to the 'Iolani Barracks. The weekly concert is free and guests are suggested to bring their own lawn chairs. The band was founded in 1836 by King Kamehameha III and is the only band in the U.S. with a royal legacy. The band is under the direction of Clark Bright.



Erin Marquez, "Honoring Totems: Giving Presence and Form. Rise.," 2015, Cast bronze.

Did you know that throughout the year, the **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA** art department has a partnership with the Halekulani Hotel and the Waikiki Parc to showcase the works of local artists. Currently the sculptures of Erin Marquez are on display in gallery at the Halekulani Hotel and the Waikiki Parc through April 1st. Her sculptures are influenced by her passion for animals and her work explores the power, movement and personality of each animal. Capturing the mannerisms and gestures of each species is present in each piece of art. Please encourage your guests to walk through the lobby of the hotel and their way to shop at Royal Hawaiian Center or to hang out on Waikiki Beach.



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Valentine's Day

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getaway, a picnic by the Tantalus Lookout in Pu'u Ualaka'a State Park is a way to go. The stunning view from the lookout is irreplaceable." One email from someone who chose to remain anonymous said, "A long time ago, my boyfriend took me to Kailua Beach and gave me a love letter he wrote himself. He bought lunch from Diamond Head Grill and bought chocolate covered strawberries that he hand fed me himself. It was a great day." Whoever he was, that guy made a great call on Diamond Head Market & Grill. I always suggest that place to people looking for gourmet food to go. Another great recommendation for upscale take out is Kailua's Kalapawai Market. Grab some and take it to Kailua Beach to watch the kite surfers' sail by. Or there's always a drive around the island. Malia Livingston, an Expedia Local Expert tells us a great idea on the cheap is to "bring your own SUP or rent one from the colorful Rainbow Watersports van at Haleiwa Beach and SUP down the Anahulu River to Tsue's Farm for shave ice or plate lunch." She says she love the peacefulness of the route.

For something off the beaten path, the 8th Annual Ukulele Picnic in Hawaii is taking place at Kakaako Gateway Park all day from 9 a.m. to sunset. Stroll around the oceanfront location and enjoy an leisurely day of free music, hula, song, crafts and keiki games. ukulelepicnicinohawaii.org.

Tara DeSantiago, Guest Service Representative from the Wyndham at Waikiki Beach Walk® found some other unusual events. How about a decadent chocolate pairing with wine or whiskey? Madre Chocolates are hosting one of each Valentine's Weekend. Go to madrechocolate.com for details. How about a romantic Paint Nite, where you paint your partner! This is something I have never heard of, but it turns out there's a ton of these types of events in town. You can Paint your Partner on February 13th at Mac 24/7 at 3 9.m., and at the M Nightclub at 6:30 p.m. Head over to paintnite.com for details.

Take a hike. Literally. There are plenty of trails around that offer stunning views. For something a bit less active, try a stroll around the Lyon Arboretum in the back of Manoa Valley. There are around 200-acres of lush valley is filled with tropical botanical gardens and features a lowland tropical rainforest surround by three steep cliffs offering beautiful, romantic, stunning landscapes for your picnic, and it's free to enter, or just head over to Kaimana Beach Park to take in the sights. Kawai Yamashiro, Chef Concierge at the Trump International Hotel Waikiki tells us a story of an unusual and price conscious event she set up for a couple celebrating their 30th anniversary, by simply recreating their first date. Whatever you choose, you get the gist. Oahu offers a great natural backdrop for fun romantic, inexpensive play dates on the cheap.

Then there are the restaurants of course. As



What better way to spend a romantic weekend than hiking to Sweetheart Rock on Lanai? Picture courtesy of the Four Seasons Resort Lanai which reopens on February 1st.

Denise Torres, Guest Services Manager from the OHANA East Waikiki says, "My suggestion to all my guest when asked is to go to Hy's Steak House. I love the ambiance, the food, the service... and yes I have my reservation made to go on Valentines night already." But there's not enough space in this entire book to talk about all of the restaurants. We all know that almost every single one of them has a special menu that night, but realize that most of them are already sold out. The most important thing you can do on the restaurant side is to make your reservations early. Your favorites will sell out, or they already are. At the time of this writing there was only one reservation left at Le Bistro and La Mer was already sold out. Keep trying, you never know. Someone may cancel, but get on it! The same rules applies to spas. Pick your favorite and give them a call, because they're all booking up pretty quickly. Pick your favorite and make your reservation now.

But what about those big spenders? The ones that really want to go over the top? Well we have plenty for them as well. Get up in the air. Take a helicopter ride, wither on Oahu or swing over to an outer island for a quick tour. Not enough? You can always jump out of a plane, or go holoholo for the weekend. I will never forget my trip to Kalaupapa on Makani Kai Air. Perhaps it's not the most romantic thing to do, but it certainly gives you an undeniable appreciation for what you have. It will cost you \$315 head to fly over and back for the day. makanikai.com

But to really go all out, head over to the Island of Lanai. After being completely closed for the last several months, the Four Seasons Resort Lanai is finally reopening on February 1st and the already gorgeous resort has now been "re-imagined," as they put it, and is expected to be better than before, but that's hard to believe. It was already fantastic. Rooms don't come cheap, but they will exceed your every expectation. For you locals out there, don't be scared away of the prices right away. Be sure to ask about their kama'aina discounts. If you're looking to make a weekend out of it, the Four Seasons is offering a 4th night free promotion throughout the month of February. Once there, you can dine, golf and hike to your heart's content. What better way to spend Valentine's Day with your loved one than in the lap of luxury hiking up to Sweetheart Rock to watch whales against a painted sky? We are so #luckywelivehawaii! ~ Pam



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The 3rd Annual Pow! Wow!: Exploring The New Contemporary Art Movement Exhibition will hold an opening reception on February 7th from 6 – 10 p.m. at the Honolulu Museum of Art School. Curated by Andrew Hosner from

Thinkspace Gallery, the exhibit will feature works from 113 artists and be on display through February 15th.

Monday morning, February 8th, the artists converge into Kaka'ako to begin the painting the murals. Drive through the area day or night for the next 6 days and you will see the artists in action. Better yet, drive through every day to see the murals unfold before your very eyes. Drive slowly; the place is bevy of activity that week.

Famed NY brand manager, designer and Jeff Staple will host several chats with the artists at Kaka'ako Agora at 441 Cooke Street from 6 – 7 p.m. On Thursday, February 11th he will speak with Allison Torneros, who paints under the name Hueman. The California based artist often draws on the human condition to create colorful mash-ups of the abstract and figurative, and the beautiful and grotesque. Her unique freestyle process involves creating tightly refined compositions from a spontaneous beginning of paint splashes, drips, and sprays as she creates the illusion of motion and dimension on flat, two-dimensional surfaces. Her layered works can be seen on walls and in galleries around the world. On Friday, February 12, Jeff will speak with Mexican American photographer Estevan Oriol. He is known for his work reflecting urban and gang culture in Los Angeles. After the presentation, Oriol will present a photo exhibition documenting his travels in Hawaii until 10 p.m.

Saturday night, February 13th, the festival comes to a close with a special concert and after party. Makers and Tasters will play host to the "Stranded in Paradise" Concert featuring The Green, DJ Babu and Rakaa Iriscience of Dilated Peoples, Eli Mac, Taimane, Cipa Sounds and more. The food trucks will be open; there will be break dancing competitions, a Secret Walls art battle and more. The party starts at 4 p.m. and tickets are only \$25 if you buy them in advance, but will cost you \$30 at the door. VIP admission will set you back \$75, but with it you will get express entry, and your own VIP Bar and Section to watch the show. The party continues after the show with Cipa Sounds playing at Addiction.

For more information and full bios on all the artists, head over to their webpage at powwowhawaii.com. ~ Pam



Pow! Wow! gives Kaka'ako a refreshed look. This wall from David Flores was done in 2015. Photo: powwowhawaii.com.



Chef's Corner

Magnolia Café's Executive Chef Jonas Low

Jonas was hired by renowned Chef Gary Danko in San Francisco after graduating culinary school and soon thereafter, was chosen to be trained by Danko himself, eventually becoming his Lead Pastry Chef. While there, he met his wife, who is of Middle Eastern descent and left to travel the region. While working at the IVY restaurant in Jordan he was recruited by Magnolia Bakery to be the Executive Pastry Chef for their Beirut-Lebanon which has now led to his return to his childhood home.

What is your first childhood food memory?

Eating steamed eggs and Chinese sausage with rice prepared by my Grandma Wong in her kitchen in Liliha.

When did you decide you wanted to be a chef?

I wanted to be in the industry since high school but it wasn't until about 10 years ago that I really set my sights on being a chef when I left Hawai'i.

What was your first job in the industry?

Making pizza at Chucky Cheese. At that time, if you wanted to get into a kitchen not a whole lot of restaurants would accept you without any experience, so I was able to get into a kitchen and learn the basics. Shortly after that I enrolled at Leeward Community College and took a job plating food and washing dishes on the Star of Honolulu.

What drew you to pastry?

I was a pantry and line cook at Ko'olau Catering Partners. I worked my way up to assistant to the Executive Pastry Chef, Frances Pons (who is now the owner of Sugar Rush by Frances in Kalihi). It was during this time that I found my true passion in the area of pastry arts. When Pons departed, I became head of the department.

Can you remember one of your first major culinary fails?

I was in a food service class in high school and the school sent us over to the Big Island for a Sam Choy competition. One of my tasks was to bake a Boston Cream Pie. I put everything together in the pan, put it in the oven and after the desired time the cakes still looked the same, so I reread the directions and realized that I FORGOT THE EGGS!!! Needless to say, I didn't win.

What was foremost in your mind when tasked with introducing Magnolia Bakery to the island?

From the bakery side, it was staying true to the Magnolia Bakery style and theme. We needed to make sure the bakery goods served in Hawai'i would be exactly the same

as those you would find in the New York City stores. In addition, we had the task of introducing a new café menu to Hawai'i. It was a joy helping to fine tune our 'nolia pies and skillet dishes as part of our breakfast all day concept.

Favorite ingredient you like to work with and why?

That's simple, it's SALT. The correct amount of salt separates a good dish from a great dish, plus it enhances the flavor of all the other ingredients.

Best thing about returning to Hawai'i to work?

I was able to see my son be born on the islands. I was gone for ten years, working and studying first in Portland and in San Francisco then later in Jordan and most recently in Beirut. Now I am back with my family and the friends I grew up with, plus I get a raise my own family here in Hawai'i. I never thought that would happen. I am very grateful to Magnolia Bakery.

Name your favorite restaurant in town you like to go to when not working?

Alicia's Market, even though it's not a sit down restaurant, it's the place I frequent. It's located on Mokauea Street in Kalihi. They have the essentials...raw fish, roast meats... Who could ask for anything more!

What's your favorite midnight snack?

Pulehu Tako from Tamura's but it's close to \$40 a pound, so I would have to say popcorn and kakimochi.

What would we find in your fridge?

Milk, water and IPA!

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

I take the family to the beach at Ko'olina because it close to where I live and it's kid friendly.

Is there any other information about yourself that you want to share with our readers?

In my spare time I play 'ukulele and sing Hawaiian songs with my neighbors on the lanai.

Chewy Sugar Cookies

Unfortunately, we couldn't get a recipe from Magnolia Bakery in time, so in the spirit of the world famous bakery, we are printing a Sugar Cookie recipe below from the Food Network to share.



Ingredients:

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon fine salt
- 1 ½ cups sugar + more for rolling
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 large egg

Total Time: 1 hr 35 min Prep: 25 min
Yields about 30 cookies

Directions: Position oven racks in the top and bottom thirds of the oven and preheat to 375°. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt in a small bowl. Beat the sugar and butter with an electric mixer on medium-high speed in a large bowl until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Add the vanilla and egg and beat to incorporate. Add the flour mixture in 2 batches and beat on medium-low speed until incorporated. Put some sugar in a small bowl. Scoop heaping tablespoonfuls of the batter, roll them into balls and coat in the sugar. Arrange the balls on the prepared baking sheets about 2 inches apart. (There will be additional batter for a second batch. Bake until the bottoms and edges are barely golden brown, 12 to 14 minutes. Let the cookies cool for a few minutes on the baking sheets, then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely. When the baking sheets are cool, repeat with the remaining batter. The cookies can be stored in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

Magnolia Bakery is located in Mall Level 2 in the Ewa Wing of Ala Moana Center

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Contemporary Ukulele
 Shaka Madali 5:30-8:30pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tito Berinobis & David Kauahikaua 6:30-9:30pm

Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Christian Yrizarry Duo 8-11pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Taz Vegas 4-6pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Bluesy Mondays
 Bluezilla (artists vary) 9-11pm

House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Skyler Kamaka
 DeLima Ohana 5:30 - 8:00pm

Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Eric Lee 7-9pm

Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Ashley Lilinoe 7:00-9:30pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kuuipo Kumukahi (2/1, 2/2) 6 - 9pm
 Sean Naauao (2/8, 2/15) 6 - 9pm

LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Acoustic Hits
 Johnny Helm 6-9pm

Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Live Contemporary & Light Jazz
 Noly Pa'a 8:30-12:30am

LuLu's 926-5222
Live Contemporary
 Johnny Helm 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jeremy Cheng 5-8pm

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Isao Motomochi 6-9pm

Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary
 Yoza 5-8pm

Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary
 Alex Oasay 5-8pm

The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
 Widdy Loo 1:30-3:30pm
 Ka'ala Boys 6:30-8:30pm

The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kaleo 7-10pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kapu the Band 6-8:30pm
 The Kristi Masuhara Band 9-11pm

Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Acoustik Playground 5:30-8:30pm

TUESDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Contemporary Ukulele
 Shaka Madali 5:30-8:30pm

Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 The Camarillo Brothers 6:30-9:30pm

Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Beau Cody Duo 8-11pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Sam & Haumea 4-6pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 Saloon Pilots (or others) 9-11pm

House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Radasha Ho'ohuli
 Po'okela 5:30 - 8:00pm

Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kamuela Kahoano 7-9pm

Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mike Huhn 7:00-9:30pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Weldon Kekauoha 6-9pm
 Kaiao (2/9) 6-9pm

LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Funk, Jazz, Hip Hop & Reggae
 Jason Laeha 6-9pm

Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Live Contemporary & Light Jazz
 Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am

LuLu's 926-5222
Live Contemporary
 Johnny Helm 6-9pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
 Kapala Duo 6:30-9:30pm

Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Rock
 Randy Allen 5-8pm
 Twilight Audio 8:30pm-12:30am

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 James Woo 6-9pm

Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary
 John Akapo 5-8pm

Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Cory Oliveros 5-8pm

The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
 Eric Lee 1:30-3:30pm
 Ho'okani Duo 6:30-8:30m

The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alex Oasay & Jeremy Cheng 7:30-10:30pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Hawaiian - \$2 Taco Tuesdays
 K.B. Riley 5:30-8:30pm
 Sani & Friends 9-11pm

Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kailua Bay Buddies 5:30-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Instrumental Ukulele
 Paul Wilcox 5:30-8:30pm

Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tito Berinobis & David Kauahikaua 6-10:30pm

Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Kimo Artis Duo 8-11pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Acoustic, Soul, R&B
 Haumea Warrington 4-6pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am

Gordon Biersch 599-4877
Jazz Wednesdays
 Varying Artists 6:30-9:30pm

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 Kebin Jones & Wrek 9-11pm
 Da Push-O-Verse (2/10) 9-11pm
 Hiriz (2/17) 9-11pm

House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Lauren Matsumoto
 Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:00pm

Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Contemporary Music
 Brandon Serrano 7-9pm

Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Live Soft Contemporary
 Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm

Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Shawn Garnet 7:00-9:30pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Live Contemporary Slack Key
 Ben & Malia 3-5pm
 Cyril Pahinui 6-9pm

LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Funk, Jazz, Hip Hop & Reggae
 Soul Tree Music Factory 6-9pm

Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Live Contemporary & Light Jazz
 Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am

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LuLu's 926-5222
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jason Lehua 10-12:30am
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
 Eric Lee Duo 6:30-9:30pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697
Acoustic & Slack Key Top 40
 Dayton Watanabe 6:30-9:30pm
Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kamuela Kahoano 5-8pm
 Twilight Audio 8:30pm-12:30am
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Pierre Grill 6-9pm
Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary
 Randy & Kanoe 5-8pm
SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234
Contemporary Classic
 Kailua Bay Buddies 6-9pm
Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tahiti Rey & Sean Cleland 5-8pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 922-4422
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
 Albert Maligmat 1:30-3:30pm
 Keoni Ku Duo 6:30-8:30pm
The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Melanie and Drew 6:30-9:30pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary - 1/2 off Wine Wednesdays
 Canoes for Rent 5:30-8:30pm
 Johnny Helm 9-11pm
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Rock
 Acoustik Playground 5:30-8:30pm

THURSDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Instrumental Ukulele
 Paul Wilcox 5:30-8:30pm
Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tons of Aloha Duo 6:30-10pm
 Tahiti Rey Duo (1/14, 1/28) 6:30-10pm
Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400
Contemporary / Old School Rock
 Jeremy Chang 6:30-9:30pm
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Tahiti Rey Duo 8-11pm
 Tons of Aloha (2/4, 2/18) 8-11pm
Duke's Canoe Club 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Haumea Warrington 4-6pm
 Randy and Kanoe (or others) 9:30-12am

Gordon Biersch 599-4877
Live Contemporary Funk and Classics
 Acoustic Playground 7-10:30pm
Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 Kailua Bay Buddies 9-11pm
House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Radasha Ho'ohuli
 Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:00pm
Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kamuela Kahoano 7-9pm
Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Live Soft Contemporary
 Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm
Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Shawn Garnet 7:00-9:30pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jeff Rasmussen & Robi 3-5pm
 Kawika Kahiapo 6-9pm
LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Pop/Rock
 Sunway 6-9pm
Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Contemporary Jazz
 Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am
LuLu's 926-5222
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Local Uprising 6-9pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
 Delima Ohana 6:30-9:30pm
Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552
Live Slack Key
 Jeff Peterson 7:30-10:00pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697
Acoustic Hawaiian Guitar
 Steve English 6:30-9:30pm
Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Rock
 Johnny Helm 5-8pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Isao Motomochi 6-9pm
Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary
 Randy Allen 5-8pm
Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Christian Yrizarry Duo 5-8pm
SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234
Contemporary Classic
 Acoustik Playground 6-9pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
 Ellsworth Simeona 1:30-3:30pm
 Christian Yrizarry Duo 6:30-8:30pm
The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Simple Souls 6:30-9:30pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI

Hot Hula Thursdays - hula dancers perform
 Malu the Band 5:30-7:30pm
 Ellsworth Simeona 8:30-11:30pm
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Nohelani Cypriano 5:30-8:30pm

FRIDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Beach BBQ
 Art Kalahiki & Friends 5:30-8:30pm
Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mark Yim's Pilikia I 6-9pm
 Mark Yim's Pilikia II 9:30-12:30am
Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400
Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alex or Aku 6:30-9:30pm
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Johnny Helm Duo 8:00-11:00pm
Dave & Busters 589-2215
Pau Hana Fridays Live Local Bands
 Varying Hawaiian Artists 6-8pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Maunalua 4-6pm
 Keith Omizo Duo (2/5) 9:30 -12am
 Christian Yrizarry Duo (2/12) 9:30 -12am
 Derrick Lee Duo (2/19) 9:30 -12am
 Kaiona Duo (2/26) 9:30 -12am
Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100
Live Acoustic
 Varying Artists 10pm-last call
Gordon Biersch 599-4877
Live Contemporary, R&B, Funk
 Ben & Malia 5:30-9pm
 Mojo 9 - 12:30am
Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 The Fresh Preps 10-12am
House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Kanoe Miller
 Hiram Olsen Trio 5:30 - 8:00pm
Hula Grill 923-HULA
Aloha Friday Lunch Luau with hula dancer
 David Asing 12:30-2:30pm
 Keoki & Russell 7-9pm
Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Live Soft Contemporary
 Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm
Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 The Fresh Preps 10pm-12am
Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Missing Dave 9:30 - 11:30pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Live Hawaiian Contemporary
 Christian Yrizarry 3-5pm

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Ho'okena 6-9pm
LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Pop/Rock
 Sunway 6-9pm
Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Live Contemporary Jazz
 Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am
LuLu's 926-5222
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Manoa DNA 6-9 p.m.
 Vinyl Wine 10-12:30am
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
 Kapala Duo 6:30-9:30pm
Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552
Live Slack Key Stylings & Jazz
 Jeff Peterson & Ernie Provencher 6:30-10pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697
Keyboardist
 Brian Robert Shaw 6:30-9:30pm
Roy's Ko Olina 676-7697
Slack Key Guitar
 Chris Rego 5:30-8pm
Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Rock
 Kristi Masuhara 5-8pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Grant Carvalho 6-9pm
Sky Waikiki 979-7590
Live Contemporary
 John Akapo 5-8pm
SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234
Contemporary Classic
 Taimane 6-7pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
 Brad Kawakami 1:30-3:30pm
 Delima Ohana Duo 6:30-8:30pm
The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tahiti Rey 6:30-9:30pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Randy Allen 5-7pm
 Vaihi 7:30-9:30pm
 The Kristi Masuhara Band 10-12am
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Piranha Brothers 3:30-6:30pm
 Nohelani Cypriano 8:00-10:30pm

SATURDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Beach BBQ with Live Contemporary Hits
 Chris Salvador 5:30-8:30pm
Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Piano Wine Bar
 Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Tito Berinobis & Billy Beimes 7-12pm

Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400
Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alex or Aku 6:30-9:30pm
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Dennis McClees Duo 8-11pm
 Keith Omizo Duo (2/20) 8-11pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Hawaiian Entertainment
 Vaihi (2/6) 4-6pm
 Kapena (2/13, 2/27) 4-6pm
 Beach 5 (2/20) 4-6pm
 Camarillo Brothers (2/6) 9:30-12am
 Darrell Aquino Duo (2/13) 9:30-12am
 Kona Chang Duo (2/20) 9:30-12am
 Chris Murphy Duo (2/27) 9:30-12am
Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100
Live Acoustic
 Varying Artists 10pm-last call
Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 EMKE 10-12am
House Without a Key 923-2311
Hawaiian & Hula by Kanoe Miller
 Hiram Olsen Trio 5:30 - 8:00pm
Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Traditional Hawaiian with dancer
 Kaipo Dabin & friends 7-9pm
Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Live Soft Contemporary
 Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm
Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Local Uprising 9:30-11:30pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mike Kaawa 3-5pm
 Ka Hehena 6-9pm
LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live Contemporary Blues & R&B
 YOZA 6-9pm
Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Live Contemporary Jazz
 Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
 Kapala Duo 6:30-9:30pm
Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552
Live Contemporary Slack Key & Jazz
 Jeff Peterson 7-11pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697
Acoustic Guitar
 Jimmy Funai 6-9:30pm
Roy's Ko Olina 676-7697
Slack Key Guitar
 Chris Rego 5:30-8pm
Rumfire 921-4600
Live Contemporary Rock
 Tavana McMoore 5-8pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Grant Carvalho 6-9pm
Sky Waikiki 979-7590

Live Contemporary
 John Akapo 5-8pm
Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kainalu 5-8pm
SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234
Contemporary Acoustic
 Randy Allen & Kanoe Gibson 5 - 8pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600
Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.
 John Valentine 1:30-3:30pm
 Tino Jacobs Duo 6:30-8:30pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Reggae
 Johnny Helm 5-7pm
 Guidance 7:30-9:30pm
 Ellsworth & Piko 10-midnight
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Henry Kapono 4-6pm
 Juke Joint 6:30-9:30pm

SUNDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Contemporary Ukulele
 Shaka Madali 5:30-8:30pm
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Dean & Dean 6-9pm
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Classic Hawaiian
 Chris Murphy Duo 8-11pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Hawaiian Entertainment
 Henry Kapono 4-6pm
 Kapena Delima 9:30-12am
 Chris Mercado Duo (2/14) 9:30-12am
 Typical Hawaiians (2/28) 9:30-12am
Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Live Contemporary
 Youth on Stage 12 noon
 Analog 9-11pm
 Jive Nene (2/28) 9-11pm
House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Debbie Nakanelua
 Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:00pm
Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Traditional Hawaiian with dancer
 Art Kalahiki Duo 7-9pm
Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Randy Allen 7:30-10pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Live Contemporary Hawaiian Masters on stage
 Kupaoa 6-9pm
 Brother Noland (2/7) 6-9pm
 Waipuna (2/21) 6-9pm
Kelley O'Neil's 926-1777
Live Irish Music
 Various Celtic Bands 4-7pm
LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Live, Energetic Mix of Pop and Rock Hits
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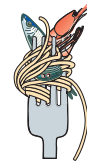
Lewers Lounge	923-2311
<i>Live Contemporary & Light Jazz</i>	
Noly Pa'a	8:30pm - 12am
LuLu's	926-5222
<i>Acoustic R&B</i>	
Simple Soulz	7-10pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian	923-7311
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer</i>	
Eric Lee Duo	6:30-9:30pm
Michel's at the Colony Surf	923-6552
<i>Classical Slack Key & Jazz Stylings</i>	
Jeff Peterson	6-9pm
Roy's Ko Olina	676-7697
<i>Slack Key Guitar</i>	
Chris Rego	5:30-8pm
Rumfire	921-4600
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Alex Oasay	5-8pm
Twilight Audio	8:30pm-12:30am
Signature Prime Steak	949-3636
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>	
Isoo Motomochi	6-9pm
Sky Waikiki	979-7590
<i>Sunset Sessions</i>	
Randy Allen	4-7pm
SWIM at the Hyatt	923-1234
<i>Contemporary, Pop, Rock</i>	
Sunway	6-9pm
The Edge at the Sheraton	922-4422
<i>Live Hawaiian music with a fire dancer at 7:30 p.m.</i>	
Dave Watanabe	1:30-3:30pm
Ellsworth Simeona Duo	6:30-8:30pm
The Study at the Modern	943-5800
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Jazz</i>	
Jeremy Cheng	6-9pm
Smooth Jazz (vaying artists)	10-2am
Tiki's Grill & Bar	923-TIKI
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Vaihi	6-8pm
Ellsworth & Piko	9-11pm
Tropics Bar & Grill	949-4321
<i>Live Contemporary Rock & Hawaiian</i>	
Piranha Brothers	2-5pm
Beach 5	5:30 - 8:30pm

Dining Dish



Executive Chef Colin Hazama is introducing his Fanta-Sea Table Dining Series. Throughout the series, Chef Hazama will be partnering with **Mari's Gardens** for an exclusive cocktail reception and dinner at **Azure Restaurant**, followed by a tour of the farm the next day. The first of these events kicks on on February 27th, with the tour taking place on the 28th. Each dish on the Fanta-Sea menu will use locally sourced products. The 6-course dinner starts at \$130 and goes up from there depending on if you will be doing just the dinner or the dinner plus the Farm tour, or if you will be enjoying a wine paring or not. If you have never been to Mari's Gardens I strongly recommend it. It's truly fascinating, and all of the farm-to-table dinners I've participated in with them have not only been education but also gastronomically delicious! Call 921-4600 for more information. • **The Moana Surfrider** is going to **LOL** all year long. That stands for **Love Of Libations** of course. It's an interactive, monthly event designed to celebrate all things beverage and entertainment. The first event will be "Mixology 101" on February 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Vintage 1901. The session will explore items behind the bar. The session is \$25; complimentary self-parking available for attendees. Also at **Vintage 1901**, those seeking a sweet treat will find a new Dessert Bar there on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays afternoons.. For \$25 a head (\$20 for kids 12 and under), families can stop by for coffee, tea and as many treats such as red velvet cream cheesecake, orange cake pops, tiramisu, cookies, chestnut pie, mango mousse, macadamia nut brownie, M&Ms, jelly beans and more from 2 - 3:30 p.m. 921-4600. • Have you ever been to **Maui Mike's Fire-Roasted Chicken**? Some of my foodie friends and I have actually organized our day around the drive to Wahiawa just to go to this place. They literally have some of the best, if not the best roasted chicken on the Island. The food completely belies the nondescript location and under \$10 menu board. Go with friends and get

the feast. For \$17 you get the entire chicken, 2 sides and 4 dipping sauces. The best news? You no longer have to drive to Wahiawa to try it. They just opened in Kailua in the Enchanted Lake Center. Tell your guests to wing by if they're in the neighborhood. You won't regret it. Open daily from 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. mauimikes.com. • Also in Kailua, there is a new tea shop to enjoy. **Anuene Exquisite Tea** is a local tea shop specializing in handcrafted high quality teas offers a line of healthy, organic and gluten free products. Enjoy a limited selection of salad and sandwiches along with your tea. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday and until 4 p.m. on weekends. 25 Maluniu Avenue. 498-7888. ~Pam



Dining Calendar

February 3: *Vino* hosts a 4-course wine dinner with Santa Barbara winemaker, Chad Melville. 6 p.m. \$78+-. Reservations required. 524-8466.

February 5: *The Veranda Friday Night Flights* will explore wines from Argentina. Enjoy three wines paired with bites from the region. \$60++ 6-9 p.m. 739-8760.

February 7, 21 & 28: *Chuck Furuya Wine 201 classes* Learn from a master. Taste and discuss how wines work with food. \$25++ 4:30 p.m. The event was so successful last month, they have set 3 dates for this class to accommodate. If you choose to dine at the VINO right after the tasting, you will receive 25% off regular menu items from 5:30- 6:30 p.m. 524-8466.

February 25: *Master Sommelier Series* Join Master Sommelier Patrick Okubo as he educates you on his favorite wines with a blind tasting experience. The Master Sommelier series will include mats for tasting notes, sensory examination and evaluation of the wine. Selection of breads and cheeses will accompany the tasting. \$60++ 6 p.m. If you choose to dine at the Plumeria Beach House right after the tasting, you will receive 15% off your entree 739-8760.

Courtyard Brunch remains on hiatus until March.



Hot Lines

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

Gordon Biersch	599-4877
Irish Rose Saloon	947-3414
Kelley O'Neil's	926-1777
Mai Tai Bar Ala Moana	947-2900
Moose McGillycuddy's	923-0751

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continuing Events

MONDAY – FRIDAY LYON ARBORETUM TOURS

The lush gardens at the top of the University of Hawai'i Manoa are open for guided tours daily. Knowledgeable guides will introduce the highlights of the botanical rainforest's 193.6 acres. Reservations required. Limit of 12 participants daily. Donations accepted. 988-0461.

MONDAY-FRIDAY FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDENS

Guided garden tours of rare and beautiful plants from tropical regions throughout the world. Foster Botanical Gardens, 50 N. Vineyard. 1 p.m. Adults: \$5. Reservations recommended. 522-7066.

TUESDAYS TOURS OF THE HAWAII THEATRE

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of this historic theatre including history, architecture, and a performance on the 1922 Robert Morton theatre organ. Hawaii Theatre. 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$10. 528-0506.

TUESDAYS KU HA'AHEO

An afternoon of hula from multiple groups featuring adults and keiki performing contemporary and traditional dance and music led by kumu hula Blaine Kamalani Kia. Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza Lawn. 4:30 – 6 p.m. FREE. waikikibeachwalk.com

TUESDAYS KCC FARMERS MARKET

The Saturday Market is so popular they added another day. Head up to Kapiolani Community College to stock up on fresh, island produce, seafood, flowers and more, from several dozen vendors. 4 – 7 p.m. Free. 848-2074.

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS MEET THE MONK SEALS!

Learn about monk seals in the wild and meet two resident seals up close. Designed for participants 7 and up but anyone is welcome. Waikiki Aquarium. 3 p.m. \$4 – \$6. waquarium.org or 923-9741.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS FRESH FARMERS MARKET AT THE HYATT

Due to its overwhelming success, the Hyatt has added another day of their popular Farmers Market for visitors and locals to stock up on fresh local organic fruits, vegetables, jams, honeys, baked goods and more. Stop by twice throughout the ground floor of the Pualeilani Atrium Shops. 4 – 8 p.m. Waikiki.hyatt.com.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS TOUR AND TEA AT THE HONOLULU ACADEMY OF ARTS

Tours are led by volunteer docents and designed for visitors, who would like to explore the galleries, learn more about art and culture, and socialize over a cup of tea. Docents lead discussions in the galleries and offer insight into many cultures and time periods. 2:30 – 4 p.m. in selected galleries. Free with admission; beverage donations welcomed. Reservations required. 532-8700.

**TUESDAY – SATURDAY
MISSION HOUSES MUSEUM DOCENT TOURS**
Visit the Printing House and the 1821 Mission House while learning about 19th century Hawaii history and culture preserved at this beautiful museum. Tues. - Sat. one hour tour leaving on the hour from 11am until 3pm. \$10. 447-3910 or missionhouses.org

THIRD WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 17) KONA NUI NIGHTS

Kona Nui Nights honors and highlights Hawaiian language and music, as well as the art of hula on the third Wednesday of every month. There will be food vendors and a cash bar. Ward Village Information Center Courtyard. Free. 6-8 p.m. wardvillageshops.com/konanuinights.

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS CHADO – THE WAY OF TEA

Japanese enthusiasts can experience the traditional tea ceremony (chanoyu) as it was meant to be both seen and taught at the Urasenke Foundation of Hawaii. No prior knowledge required. Demos at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. \$5. 923-3059.

SECOND THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 11) COURTYARD CINEMA

Ward Village hosts its monthly film series event, Courtyard Cinema, on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The showing features free popcorn, refreshments, food vendors and entertainment. Courtyard Cinema is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Reserve your tickets at wardvillagecourtyardcinema.com.

THURSDAYS • COURTYARD YOGA

Take a complimentary yoga class with CorePower Yoga at the Ward Village Information Center Courtyard. Open to the first 50 in attendance. All experience levels welcome. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. For more information visit wardvillageshops.com/yoga.

THIRD THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 18) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

The Arts at Marks Garage continues to build on downtown activities offering execs an excuse to hang out after work and giving everyone else a reason to head downtown. Free. 521-2903. artsatmarks.com.

FRIDAYS • CULTURAL CRAFT FAIR

The Hyatt has had so much success with its weekly Framers Market featuring fresh local produce that they are applying the same principle to local craft items. Each week the craft fair will feature local vendors featuring arts & crafts, jewelry, photography, woodwork and more. 3 – 7 p.m. Waikiki.hyatt.com.

FIRST FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 5) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

Art lovers are advised to head to downtown Honolulu the first Friday of each month. This event has exploded into a downtown party with galleries and studios open for exhibitions, artist demonstrations, and special performances. 23 galleries and art-related retail shops, restaurants and museums participate. Downtown Honolulu/Chinatown. 6 – 9 p.m. Free. 521-2903 or artsatmarks.com.

FINAL FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 26) ART AFTER DARK

Art after Dark offers one of Honolulu's hippest events each month at the Honolulu Academy of Art. 6-9 p.m. artafterdark.org.

SATURDAYS • KCC FARMERS MARKET
Fresh island produce, seafood, flowers and more are available from over two-dozen vendors at Kapiolani Community College. Free. 7:30-11 a.m. 848-2074.

SATURDAYS KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET

The Farmer's Market held Saturdays at Ala Moana has moved to Kaka'ako in light of the construction around Sears these days. Check out an abundance

of treats from around our islands. Their new home is at Ward Warehouse between Ward and Kamakee Streets, Free. 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. 388-9696 or haleiwafarmersmarket.com.

SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6) HONOLULU NIGHT MARKET

This month's Night Market has been moved to the 6th to coincide with Pow! Wow! Hawaii. streetgrindz.com

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ART ON THE ZOO FENCE

More than 35 local artists display their works on the Zoo fence on Monsarrat Avenue opposite the Kapiolani Park Bandstand. Works for sale include original paintings, prints and photographs. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free. artonthezoo fence.com.

SECOND SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 13) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

First Friday has become such a success that events carry over to the second Saturday. HiSAM, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. 586-0900. Other events around downtown Honolulu all afternoon. Free. 521-2903 or artsatmarks.com.

NA MELE NO NA PUA SUNDAY SHOWCASE (FEBRUARY 7 & 21)

Waikiki Beach Walk presents Maunalua on February 7th and Ho'okena on February 21st at the Plaza Stage from 5 – 6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

BANK OF HAWAII FREE SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 21)

Since 2004, Bank of Hawaii has made it possible for the Honolulu Museum of Art to open its doors to the public free of charge on the third Sunday of every month. Activities include art activities, entertainment and films. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. 532-8700.

DAILY THRU FEBRUARY 28 THE DUKE KAHANAMOKU EXHIBIT

The Bishop Museum has extended this extraordinary exhibit on Hawaii's favorite son until February 28th. If you haven't been yet, don't miss your chance. bishopmuseum.org.

FEBRUARY 2 • MARCIA BALL & JOHNNY NICHOLAS AND THE HELLBENT BLUES BAND
Piano-pounding songstress Marcia Ball, with her deep New Orleans boogie grooves, soulful ballads and Gulf Coast blues, is joined by Johnny Nicholas, one of America's best bluesmen ever, accompanied by his full band. This will be a rocking blues time. Hawaii Theatre. 7:30 p.m. hawaii theatre.com.

FEBRUARY 5 • BILL ENGVALL

Get ready to have tears run down your face as you laugh through Bill Engvall's comedic routines like "Here's Your Sign" that helped make the Blue Collar Comedy Tour one of the most successful comedy tours of all time and turned Bill into a hit standup comedian and a television star featured on "Dancing with the Stars" and "The Bill Engvall Show" among others. Hawaii Theatre 8 p.m. hawaii theatre.com.



FEBRUARY 5 MISTRESS OF REALITY

Heavy Metal fans can get their fix on at the Mistress of Reality Show, The All Female Black Sabbath Tribute Band as they perform a 2 hour blistering set of your all time Black Sabbath favorites. Anna O'Brien's. 9 p.m. mistressofreality.net

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 5 – 6 PUNAHOU CARNIVAL



If you want your fix of Malasadas, Portuguese Bean Soup and Mango Chutney get ready for the Punahou Carnival and be ready to stand in line ringdu this annual island tradition. Over 300 Hawai'i artists will be showing their work in the art gallery, carnival rides, the Variety Show, thousands of people and one Concierge publisher slaving away in the Alumni booth are all part of this fun-filled weekend. Fingers crossed it doesn't rain. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. punahou.edu.

FEBRUARY 6 JAZZ GREAT EDDIE HENDERSON

The Halekulani commences its 2016 Live at Lewers jazz season featuring its innovative cultural programming with a special return performance by legendary New York jazz musician, Eddie Henderson. Renowned pianist, Tommy James, from the Duke Ellington Orchestra will be part of the featured quintet in two extraordinary performances at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. Tickets: \$75-\$100. Lewers Lounge. 923-2311



Photo: Jimmy Katz

FEBRUARY 6 ALOHA CANCER PROJECT KICKOFF

Many of you are familiar with Christa Wittmier and Daniel Gray, two shining stars in our community and nightlife industry, and both have been fighting a courageous battle against stage 4 cancer. Daniel is fighting brain cancer and Christa breast cancer. Together that have formed the Aloha Cancer Project, aimed to help people deal with living with cancer with aloha, providing a resource for those newly diagnosed with nowhere to turn. This will be an amazing launch party with a much bigger purpose. Nextdoor 5 p.m. - late. alohacancerproject.com.

FEBRUARY 6 SUNSET MELE

Enjoy an evening of family fun, entertainment and Hawaiian Culture, live entertainment followed by a feature film. The Sunset Mele Marketplace featuring food booths, arts & crafts booth and more opens at 5 p.m. Feel free to bring low-slung beach chairs, mats or blankets. Movie starts at 7 p.m. 943-3025. facebook.com/HawaiiConventionCenter.

FEBRUARY 12-16 A MIDSUMMERS NIGHT DREAM

Hawaii Opera Theatre gives Shakespeare's beloved play a new twist in Benjamin Britten's beautiful opera. Blaisdell Concert Hall. 2/12 8 p.m. 2/14, 4 p.m.; 2/16 7 p.m. Tickets: \$34-\$135. hawaiiopera.org.

FEBRUARY 13 • SOL3 MIO



This internationally acclaimed trio from New Zealand consisting of 2 brothers and their cousin of Samoan descent who are classically trained makes its Hawaii debut at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. Tickets range from \$39-\$59. 7:30 p.m. hawaiiopera.org.

FEBRUARY 13

HUGS & HEARTS WAIKIKI BLOCK FESTIVAL

Wander through the various vendors, grab a bite from some of the food trucks, take a hula lesson, hop on a carnival ride or just enjoy the festivities set up between Lewers Street and Kaiulani Avenue. 4 – 10 p.m. millwoodohanaproductions.com.

FEBRUARY 14 • KINGS OF SPADE PRESENTS A LIVE TRIBUTE TO MOTOWN

If you missed last months stellar Amy Winehouse Tribute the Kings of Spade put on, don't miss their Motown Tribute featuring Yoza on Valentine's Day. These guys know how to put on a show. \$20-\$30. The Republik. 8 p.m. jointherepublik.com.

FEBRUARY 15 GREAT ALOHA RUN

Get ready for the Great Aloha Run, an 8.15 miles race that starts at Aloha Tower and ends at Aloha Stadium with tons of entertainment along the way. Race starts at 7 a.m. greataloharun.com

FEBRUARY 20 ILIZA SHLESINGER

In 2008, Shlesinger became the first woman to win NBC's Last Comic Standing. She's been tearing up the stand-up stage ever since. See for yourself at the all ages show./tickets: \$29.50 - \$39.50. The Republik. 8 p.m. jointherepublik.com.

FEBRUARY 20 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL

This annual Concert will feature over 400 of Hawaii's most talented children in grades 3 – 8 and the Hawaii Youth Symphony II ensemble in concert. 5 p.m. in the historic Kawaihau Church. hyoc.org.

FEBRUARY 25-28

WANDERLUST YOGA AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

A four day celebraton of yoga, music, artists and more returns. this year they've added AcroYoga the new deiscipline of combining yoga and acrobatics. wanderlustfestival.com.

FEBRUARY 26

THE WORLD FAMOUS CANADIAN BRASS

Don't miss the thrilling virtuosity and entertaining antics of the world famous Canadian Brass and see why they have been called one of the most popular brass ensembles today. Conducted by James Feddeck. Tickets: \$27-\$79. Blaisdell Concert Hall. hawaiisymphonyorchestra.org.

FEBRUARY 27 • CITIZEN COPE

Wanderlust Oahu finishes up its 4 day workshop with a special concert from Citizen Cope. Bnad perform before and after his show. 8:30 p.m. \$30. Kuilima point. waanderlustoahu.com.

FEBRUARY 27-28 MOZART & MAHLER

See Cho-Liang "Jimmy" Lin on Violin, conducted by James Feddeck as they perform Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major and Mahler's Symphony No. 5 in C-Sharp Minor. Tickets: \$34-\$92. Blaisdell Concert Hall. 4 p.m. hawaiisymphonyorchestra.org.

FEBRUARY 29

HLTA OAHU CHARITY WALK FUNDRAISER

Seeing as there is an extra day this month, the HLTA has decided to hold a HTLA Oahu Chapter CharityWalk Fundraiser from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.. Check their website for location and event details. at hawaiilodging.org.

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Blue Note HAWAII

Blue Note Hawaii opened last month to rave reviews. The people behind the world's most famous jazz club in New York did a fabulous job on the former Society of Seven space to create Hawaii's own Blue Note Jazz club in the Outrigger Waikiki and welcomed concierge in for a special performance of the Rebirth New Orleans Brass Band. A new performer is expected in each week. Check their website to see the latest calendar and an updated schedule of performers. bluenotehawaii.com.



Kung Hee Fat Choy

Chinese New Year is an important centuries-old tradition that is widely celebrated in the Islands. We take our Chinese New Year



Celebrations very seriously here. This year, the start of the New Year falls on Monday, February 8, and will see the Goat giving way to the Year of the Monkey, the ninth animal of the 12 Chinese zodiac signs. During this important celebration in the Asian culture, it is traditional to wear red, meant to ward off evil spirits. Lai See, are small red and gold envelopes containing money are frequently seen throughout the celebration. Lai see symbolizes wealth, so to give them to those around you means that you're wishing them good fortune and prosperity in the year to come. Remember, if you do give them out, to never use coins and that it is customary for the bills to be brand new printed money. Everything regarding the New Year has to be new in order to have good luck and fortune, and should be an even number. It's also important to know to never put any amount with the number 4 in it, as that is considered bad luck.

There will be no shortage of opportunities to get into the spirit of things as the sound of the beating drums will be prevalent around town most of the day. Obviously Chinatown will be in all its glory during this time and streets will be shut down on February 5th beginning at 5:30 p.m. as lion dancers visit different businesses and firecrackers make up the Chinatown Open House in between Bethel and River Street. During 5-10 p.m., celebrations will also be going on Friday night at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza and again on Saturday morning from 9 – 10 a.m.

For visitors heading down to Chinatown, be sure to tell them to walk past Hawaii National Bank at 45 N. King Street. For over 30 years, they have put together an award-winning window display

featuring traditional crafts, food and clothing. They will also be offering free half-hour presentations between 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. the

first half of the month through February 12th.

If you can't get downtown, not to worry, there are other celebrations to choose from. Shoppers at Ala Moana Center will be able to catch three days of celebrations from February, 4-6th. The Wah Ngai Lion Dance Association will be pole-jumping at Centerstage at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, February 6th, celebrations will be center-wide with special appearances by the Narcissus Court as well as Kung Fu demonstrations, cultural dance performances and lion dancing throughout the Center. Shoppers can also collect lai see (red envelopes) from stores. Bloomingdales will be one of those stores, offering shoppers cultural presentations, pop-up shops and a chance to test their luck with the Chinese red envelope tradition from February 11- 14th. Select envelopes will be filled with gift cards in denominations of \$8, \$88, or \$888.

The Royal Hawaiian Center will host a week of events from February 8 – 18th. The festivities kick off February 8th with live entertainment; firecrackers and lion dance at 5 p.m. in the Royal Grove. The lions will return for a repeat performance at 5 p.m. on February 12th and February 18th. Throughout the week, shoppers who redeem \$300 or more in same-day receipts may pick up a complimentary lai see red envelope filled with a various prizes from the mall and its tenants at Helumoa Hale Guest Services.

If none of that strikes your fancy, not to worry, there is a strong possibility there will be celebrations at most of the hotels. Like it was mentioned earlier, we take our Chinese New Year celebrations seriously here. Kung Hee Fat Choy!

The Whales have Arrived

Oh boy have they ever! They took a while to get active over here on Oahu, but I have had a whale sighting every time I've hit the water since New Years Eve. February is prime viewing time to make sure your you, and your guests get a chance to see the gentle ocean giants before they swim away on their return trip to Alaska. From November to May, the warm, shallow waters around Hawaii are ideal for whales to mate and give birth which is why these peaceful mammals return year after year. When summer comes, they return to the cool, plankton-rich ocean off the coast of Alaska to stuff themselves before they have to trek south again. Humpbacks live between forty and sixty years so it's almost like visiting with old friends when they come back to visit each winter.

Weighing in at a massive 25 to 40 tons, humpbacks are the fifth largest species of whale, growing up to 50 feet long. Calves born in the islands are 12 to 15 feet at birth and weigh in around a hefty 3,000 pounds. They are easy to identify by their distinctive gray or black coloring contrasting with

the white underbelly and underside of their pectoral fins and fluke (tail). The white pattern on the bottom of the fluke is unique to each humpback and can be used to identify individuals just like a finger print. These markings can often be spotted when they breach. Though the whales get close enough to be seen from shore, the best way to get a great view of their playful jumps and tail-slapping is to get out in the water alongside them. Luckily there are plenty of companies out there offering a wide variety of sails around the island. Some companies even lower a microphone into the water to hear the their famous whale song.

Whatever mode your guests choose get out and see our annual cetacean tourists, make sure they go now before the whales bid us aloha until next winter. It's easy to take these creatures for granted, but their visit is a rare treat and a great excuse to relax and watch the water for a while. For more information on humpbacks to share with your guests, visit the Hawaii Whale Research Foundation at hwrf.org.

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- HALE KOA HOTEL** 955-0555
 •TuSat - High and Right Comedy Show takes the stage at the Warriors Lounge at 8pm.
 •MThFS - Poolside music at the Barefoot Bar. 6-11pm
- HALEKULANI HOTEL** 923-2311
 •Daily-Hawaiian Music and hula at House Without A Key from 5:30-8pm.
 •Daily-Live Contemporary and light Jazz at Lewers Lounge from 8:30pm to midnite.
 •Sun- Sunday brunch at Orchids features Noly Paa on the piano from 9:30 - 2:30pm.
- HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE** 949-4321
 •Fri - Fireworks at 7:45pm.
 •Fri - The Rockin' Hawaiian Rainbow Revue, a musical salute to King Kalakaua, at the Super Pool. 7 pm.
 •FriSat - Olomana at the Tapa Bar from 8-11pm.
 •Daily - Live entertainment at the Hau Tree Bar and the Tapa Bar from 8-11pm.
- THE KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT** 739-8888
 •TuWThFSat- David Swanson vocalizes on the piano at The Veranda from 7:30-11pm. Live Jazz on Sun/Mon.
- MOANA SURFRIDER** 923-3111
 •Daily-Hawaiian music & hula. The Banyan Court, 6-8 pm, and again from 8 -11 p.m. Weekends from 11:30- 2 p.m.
 •MWFri-Guided historical tours at 11am.
- NEW OTANI KAIMANA BEACH** 923-1555
 •FSat- Jazz guitarists in the Sunset Lanai Bar. 6-9pm.
- OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI ON THE BEACH** 923-0711
 •Mon- Kukui Nut Bracelet Making. 1pm.
 •Th- Ukulele Lessons. 1pm.
 •Fri- Aloha Fridays bring back old Hawai'i with music, hula, ukulele & lei making lessons. 9am-1pm.
- OUTRIGGER REEF ON THE BEACH** 923-3111
 •Daily- See guest artists at work in Kuloko Arts of Hawaii 9am-1pm and again from 6-9pm.
- SHERATON PRINCESS KAIULANI** 922-5811
 •Daily-Live Hawaiian music & halau at the lounge from 6-8:30pm, then poolside from 8:30-10:30pm.
 •Th-Princess Kaiulani historical tour at 9:30am.
- THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN** 923-7311
 •TTH- Free guided resort tour at 1pm.
- TURTLE BAY RESORT** 293-6300
 •MTWThFSat- Lei Making, Main Lobby at 10am.
 •ThSun - Fire Dancer, Hang Ten Pool Bar at Sunset
 •TThFri - Shell Hula Lessons, Lobby at 10am
 •TThFri - Ukulele Lessons, Lobby at 9am
 •Fri- Music & Hula. Lobby Lounge 6:30-8:30pm.
- WAIKIKI BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT** 922-6611

- Daily-Hawaiian entertainment in The Moana Terrace Bar. 6:30-9:30pm.
 •Fri-Local crafters "Aloha Friday Fair" Lobby 9a-2pm

MUSEUMS

- HAWAII STATE ART MUSEUM** 586-0900
 •TWThFSat - Inaugural exhibition "Enriched by Diversity: The Art of Hawai'i." Free. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located in the Capital District.
- HAWAII THEATRE** 528-0506
 •Tues- A one-hour guided tour offers a unique insight in the history, art, architecture and restoration of the Hawai'i Theatre with trained docents & a mini-concert on the 1922 Robert Morton Theatre Organ. 11 a.m. Admission: \$10.
- HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART** 532-8726
 •MWF- Japanese Language Tours. Private tours also available. 1pm. Regular admission.
- HONOLULU FIRE MUSEUM** 723-7167
 •3rdSat- Free one-hour guided tours through various exhibits with a firefighter recounting HFDs history the 3rd Saturday: 9am - 2pm. Reservations required. 620 South Street. honolulu.gov/hfd/communityrelations
- IOLANI PALACE** 522-0832
 •Mon-Sat-45 minutes docent-lead or self-guided audio tours available in English or Japanese. Japanese-led tour is available only at 11:30 a.m. All tours include re-tour video and entrance into the Palace Galleries. Adults: \$14.75-\$21.75 / Keiki (5-12): \$6. 9am-5pm
 •Sat-Hawaiian Quilt Classes. Old Archives 9:30a-12p.
- LUCORAL MUSEUM** 922-5381
 •TTh- Learn how to plan your jewelry project and more in this beaded jewelry workshop \$10. 2-4 p.m.
- MISSION HOUSES MUSEUM** 447-3910
 •Tue-Sat-Learn about the dramatic story of cultural change in 19th-century Hawai'i. Docents lead tours through the oldest existing frame house in the Islands, Printing Office, and the coral block Chamberlain House. Reservations required. www.missionhouses.org
- PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM** 441-1000
 •Daily-Vintage aircraft in battlefield hangars at Pearl Harbor. Combat flight simulators. Aviator's Tour takes you through the new Restoration Hangar. Restaurant, Museum Store. Shuttle & Tickets at USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center or at PacificAviationMuseum.org.
- THE SPALDING HOUSE** 526-1322
 •Daily-Docent-led tours given daily. 1:30pm. Garden tours or Japanese language tours are by appointment.
- NAVAL AIR MUSEUM BARBERS POINT** 682-3982
 •Mon-Fri- A unique museum experience about aviation history in Hawaii. All of the aircraft are open to climb

in, on and around. Tours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. \$7 / \$5 children under 18. BLDG 1792, Midway Road, Kalaeloa Airport. Reservations required. Sat/Sun by appt only. www.nambp.org.

SHOPPING CENTERS

- ALA MOANA CENTERSTAGE** 955-9517
 •Tues - PCC Polynesian Revue Show. 6pm.
 •Sun - Keiki Hula Show. 10-11am.
- KINGS VILLAGE** www.kings-village.com 237-6344
 •MW Famer's Market offering fresh produce, baked goods and local food items from 4-9pm.
 •Daily King's Guard Museum features a variety of collectibles and memorabilia. 10a-10:30p. FREE.
- ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER** 922-2299
 •MWF- Learn Lomilomi 11am-12pm, Bldg. B, 3rd floor
 •MF- Hawaiian Storytelling 12pm, Helumoa Hale
 •MTWF-Hula 10am (4pm on Wednesdays), Royal Grove
 •ThSat- Rock-a-Hula Pre-Show 7pm, Royal Grove
 •WTh- PCC Show 11am, Royal Grove
 •TWTh- Lauhala Weaving 1pm, Bldg A., 1st floor
 •TThF- Ukelele 12pm, Helumoa Hale
 •TWF- Live Hawaiian music 6-7pm, Royal Grove
 •ThSat- Rock-a-Hula Pre-Show 7pm, Royal Grove
 •Sat- Hula Kahiko 6-6:30pm, Royal Grove
- WAIKIKI BEACH WALK** www.waikikibeachwalk.com
 •Tuesdays - Ku Ha'aeo featuring Hawaiian song and dance on the Plaza stage. 4:30-6pm
 •Wednesdays - Yoga Classes 4-4:45pm. Free.Plaza Stage
- WAIKIKI SHOPPING PLAZA** 923-1191
 •Daily Hula Lessons. 10am, 12pm
 •MTTh - Polynesian Review 1st & 3rd floor 7-9pm

ATTRACTIONS

- KALAKAUA AVENUE** 527-5666
 •Fri - Strolling Hula from 8-10:00pm.
- KAPI'OLANI BANDSTAND** 527-5666
 •Fri-Hawai'i's finest musicians perform. 5:30-6:30pm
 •Sun-Royal Hawaiian Band performs 2-3:15pm.
- KUHIO BEACH HULA SHOW** 843-8002
 •TThSat- City & County presents a free hula show at sunset. 6:30 - 7:30pm at the hula mound.
- TAMARIND PARK - DOWNTOWN** 527-5666
 •Fri- Mayor's Aloha Friday Music from 12-1pm features live music from Hawaiian to Jazz to Pop.
- WAIKIKI TOWN CENTER** 922-2724
 •Mon-Sat-The songs and dances of Hawai'i, New Zealand, & Tahiti. Free shows begin at 7pm.

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PAPARAZZI

Kings of Spade Tribute to Amy Winehouse



Jessie Savio on the left and Kasi Nunes on the right are both concierge. He's with Elite Concierge and she's with Vive Hotel, but after work, they're part of the band Kings of Spade. If you haven't seen them you need too. This was from their recent show.

Blue Note Hawaii Team



Blue Note is now open with a few familiar faces running it. Shown here in the center flanked by members of the New York team on either side is Director of Sales, Jiye Ramos President Steven Bensusan, Director of Marketing, Martha Seroogy.

Blue Note Hawaii Blessing



Outrigger's Kumu Kaipo Ho led a traditional blessing to open Blue Note Hawaii. Shown here with owner Lily Bensusan, managing partner Bill Liles, president Steven Bensusan, owner & founder Danny Bensusan and general manager Marco Olivari.

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Hard Rock Café - 15% off food, beverage (non-alcoholic), or merchandise. Hotel ID required. 280 Beachwalk Ave. 955-7383.

Hawai'i Prince Golf Club - \$5 Off Standard Kamaaina Green Fees. Tee Times: 944-4567

Hilo Hattie - 25% on Hilo Hattie labeled garments, 15% off other fashions/gifts and 10% off Hilo Hattie labeled foods. Not valid on sale item. Ala Moana Center and Nimitz Hwy Ph 535-6500.

Hy's Steakhouse - 25% VIP Discount Off Food And Beverage (up to 2 persons) 2440 Kuhio Ave. 922-5555

Hyatt Regency Waikiki - 15% discount with the presentation of a concierge business card at SHOR, Japengo and SWIM. 2424 Kalakaua Ave. 923-1234.

Iolani Palace - Free Admission. Regular rate \$20. 364 S. King Street, Reservations & Hotel ID required. 522-0832.

IHOP - Receive 20% on entire bill. Must show valid hotel ID. Not valid with any other offer or discount. Aqua Palms, 1850 Ala Moana Blvd restaurant only. Free parking available. 949-4467.

Kaiwa - 20% off food & beverage between 5 & 7 p.m. 924-1555

Longhi's - 25% off food & beverage up to 2 persons, not applicable with any other promotion or discount. 947-9899.

Mission Houses Museum - Free tour with hotel ID. 447-3910

Pacific International Skydiving Center - 50% Discount on Jump, 68-760 Farrington Hwy., 637-7472

Plaza Café - 15% off all food items. Best Western the Plaza Hotel. 3253 N Nimitz Highway. 836-3636.

P.F. Chang's Waikiki - Receive 20% on all appetizers, entrees, desserts and beverages 11 am - 5 pm daily (not valid for Pau Hana menu) Royal Hawaiian Center. Ph: 628-6760, 637-7472

Romano's Macaroni Grill - 20% Off Food and Beverage for up to 2 guests. (Not Valid for Happy Hour Menu). Ala Moana Center, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd. 356-8300

Ruth's Chris Steak House - 20% Off Food and Beverage for up to 2 guests. (Not Valid for Happy Hour & Prime Time menus). Restaurant Row, 500 Ala Moana Blvd. 599-3860. Waikiki Beach Walk, 226 Lewers Street. 440-7910

Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House. - FREE Admission For Cardholder and One Guest. 526-1322

The Kahala Resort - Complimentary appetizers for a concierge and a guest with the presentation of a concierge business card at Hoku's, Plumeria Beach House, Seaside Grill, The Veranda. 5000 Kahala Avenue. 739-8888

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Conciierge of the Month

NAME Roxanne Momohara
HOTEL: The Tour & Activity Company for Starwood Hotels
TITLE: Conciierge

Q. Describe your job duties.

A. My job is to confirm/reserve tours and activities. I also reserve dining reservations, offer ideas on where to go and what to see in our island. I follow up by calling our guests to see how they're doing and how everything went with the tours. My goal is to make every guest happy whether they just want to relax or do any tours and activities in the island.

Q. Describe what makes your team different?

A. I probably won't say different. I would use the word special just because we have such a great team. We all work well together as a family and have the same goal, to make sure our guests are happy with whatever they do in Hawaii.

Q. You were nominated for HLTAs "Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year." What went through your head?

A. I was very honored and stunned, but wished my team also got it. Everyone works hard but makes it look easy because we all enjoy what we do. I was very fortunate to be nominated and grateful for the people who thought I did a great job interacting with our guests.

Q. Where did you work before?

A. I was working at Cheap Tickets booking airline, room and car reservations and part time at Ryan's Grill.

Q. How did you get your start in the industry?

A. I actually applied for a front desk position but because my background was "Travel", the HR coordinator pulled my resume and gave it to my manager who was in charge of the tours and activities for Sheraton Waikiki. It was a blessing in disguise because I truly enjoy what I do.

Q. What do you think is the biggest challenge at the desk?

A. Because I like to meet or exceed our guest's expectations, it saddens me when I can't. I'm referring to guests' not having enough time to reserve tours on a busy season. I don't and won't stop until I find something.

Q. What do you like most about this industry?

A. I love what I do, I enjoy helping guests find what they want to do in Hawaii. It's like putting together a puzzle. You give different options for tours/activities and guests come back with a beautiful picture of memories.

Q. What is your favorite restaurant to recommend?

A. I like Beachhouse for their steaks and great ambiance and Ocean House for their seafood and beach setting. I also love Side Street Inn and Liliha Bakery for local food.

Q. Do you have one particular guest that stands out?

A. Mr & Mrs Wong. It was their first time traveling. They saved up all their money for this dream Hawaiian vacation. Their travel agent messed up their room, tours, they weren't even seated together on their flight. I really wanted to fix things so their trip was great. I'd even walk them to the pick-up points to make sure they were at the right place. At the end of their stay, they patiently waited for me until I was free, gave me a big hug and were in tears because they didn't want to leave. I have lots of these kind of stories. My job is to make sure every guest feels the same way!

Q. What's your favorite thing to recommend in general?

A. I love sending people to Lanikai to see the hidden beauty of Hawaii. I also send them to Boots & Kimo's for their Banana Macadamia Nut Pancakes. I do warn them they might wait to an hour but they come back happy. If they like hiking, I tell them to go to Maunawili for an easy hike.

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

A. I like taking my daughter to her karate practice. My family and I go hiking, bowling, camping, movies, and I love it when we do yakiniku at home, watch movies and just making the best of our days together.

Q. Any other thoughts you'd like to share?

A. I don't consider my job as "work"...it's my passion. I love what I do and that is why I find it easy to help guests because I want them to enjoy Hawaii like I do.



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