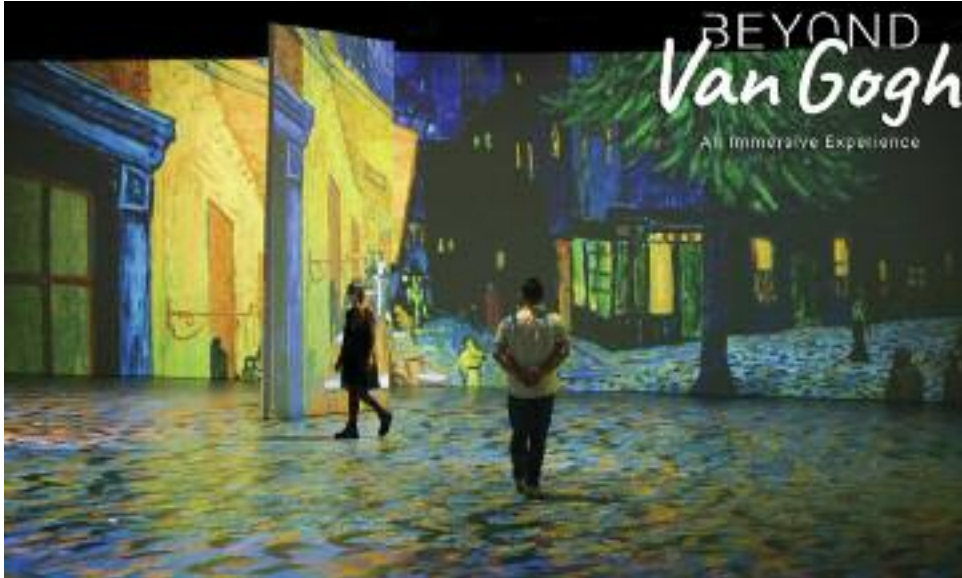


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wraps up their spring showcase

HIFF wraps up its spring showcase with the fourth and last mini-festival from July 8 - 18th. Featuring the newest short and documentary films presented by a diverse delegation of filmmakers and artists, Vive Le Cinema will focus on French cinema. From the latest French comedies to mini-sidebars on French auteurs, this showcase will celebrate the rich history of French cinema and its impact on the world.

A few of the films showcased will include "Mandibles" by internationally acclaimed director Quentin Dupieux ("Deerskin," "Rubber"). "Mandibles" is a wild and surreal road movie that follows simple-minded friends Jean-Gab and Manu. When they find a giant fly trapped in the boot of a car, they decide to train it in the hope of making a ton of cash. The film is an utterly unique comedy about friendship, big dreams, and more significant disasters.

The festival will also premiere "Josep." This movie is about a dying gendarme who recalls his encounter with the Catalan artist Josep Bartolí in a French concentration camp after the Spanish Civil War. An evocative portrayal of art and war, "Josep" won Best Animated Film at the recent César Awards.

The 2020 French comedy, "My Love, my Donkey, and I," follows Antoinette, a school teacher who has been looking forward to her long-planned summer holidays with her secret lover Vladimir, one of her pupils' father. However, when she learns that Vladimir cannot come because his wife organized a surprise trekking in the Cévennes National Park with their daughter and a donkey to carry their load, Antoinette decides to follow their track by herself on a very stubborn donkey.

Tickets can be purchased either for the series or per film. Series tickets are \$45. Individual tickets are \$8 general or \$6 per member. For a full list of films, go to hiff.org.

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Beyond Van Gogh: An Immersive Experience opens July 2nd at the Hawaii Convention Center

Have you looked at a masterpiece and envisioned yourself inside of it? For some people, simply taking in a piece of art through their eyes isn't enough. They feel that art must be interacted with, experienced. Now, thanks to the brilliant minds at Montreal's Normal Studio, you can. Their extremely successful exhibit, "Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience," has been taking the country by storm, and Honolulu is their next stop.

Normal Studios is world-renowned for using cutting-edge technology to reimagine what's possible to transform urban spaces into immersive, multi-sensory, and interactive installations. their French-Canadian Creative Director Mathieu St-Arnaud, says when they talked about making this experience, they wanted to "go beyond Van Gogh and meet Vincent, the man behind the vision." To accomplish this, they decided to create an experience where the audience is invited to step beyond the frame and enter Vincent's world and his vision, seeing things through his mind, and walk around inside the actual paintings, seeing them from a new perspective. After people went through their first exhibit, he says they were coming up to him saying they had never seen Van Gogh's works this way. People were saying that they had rediscovered his work, and this exhibit became a very personal and emotional experience for them.

"Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience" features more than 300 of the iconic painter's masterpieces presented through a three-dimensional lens in ways never experienced before. His art comes to

life by appearing and disappearing, flowing across multiple surfaces, and heightening the senses with their immense detail.

The exhibit is pure cinematic art. The artist's own words are set to music as his dreams, thoughts, and words provide the narrative for guests as they move along projection-covered walls wrapped in light. Swirls of sound and explosions of color surround you, moving up and down, refocusing into flowers, cafes, and landscapes, giving the viewer a new appreciation of this tortured artist and effectively placing them inside the art.

The exhibition allows one to step into Van Gogh's works of art and learn more about his life, personality, and inspiration. The exhibit takes one through his history first before stepping into his artwork. Next, the art is projected from the walls to the floor, coming alive as cherry blossoms flutter through the air via projection, clouds float across the room, and eyes blink on the self-portraits. In the end, there's a gift shop loaded with a variety of Van Gogh merchandise, from bags to puzzles to face masks and more.

The immersive Van Gogh craze is currently sweeping across America. According to Artnet News, there has never been a phenomenon like this before that they can remember, and there are nearly 50 "Immersive Van Gogh" exhibits running or planned in the U.S. They say, "Maybe it's the enduring popularity of the Dutch artist. Maybe it's the hunger for in-the-world experiences after a year of quarantine. Maybe it's that one scene in Emily in Paris... but

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Summer is in full swing

It appears as far as the visitors are concerned, the pandemic is over. While we here on the islands are still trying to balance getting back to work full time with capacity restrictions, indoor mask mandates, safe travel programs, and more, visitors are pouring into the islands. Towards the 3rd week of June, most days were well over 30,000 arrivals per day, and that is without virtually any Japanese visitors. Can you imagine what we're going to look like once they start to return as well? Hawaii is on fire! Now, if we can get our vaccinations numbers up and keep our case counts low, we should be back able to get back on our feet in no time, and hopefully, 2020 will soon become a distant memory for us and a part of history for our grandkids to study in school.

As things get back to some sense of normalcy, I'm happy to report concierge events are finally back! I have to run them a bit differently these days, so I ask that when you get an invite to please respond, at least, so I know you have it. For this first one, many people did not get my initial email, as it seems after a year or so off, I ended up in a lot of SPAM folders. Secondly, at least for a while, I will have to break each event into differently timed groups to get as many people as possible in the door in a safe manner. Therefore, it is imperative when you RSVP that you submit your time request as well. Please understand if that time slot is not available, as again, there are many different rules I have to follow these days. We seem to be on the right track, so hopefully, those rules won't stick around for too long. We're already in a modified Tier 4, so fingers crossed we keep heading in the right direction and can get rid of a few more regulations. Hey, BAMP Project is bringing back events this month, so you know we are definitely on the right track!

I'm still rebuilding my mailing list as well. I'm happy to report that my numbers are going up each month, so it does seem as if more and more of you are being brought off of furlough, but please don't assume I know you're back. If you are not getting your own copy of the magazine or an event invitation, please be sure to reach out to make sure we have you covered. I'm excited to see you guys in person again!

Lastly, do I have any photographers out there? I'm one of the Honolulu Chairs for the Transpac Yacht Race taking place at the end of July and I need volunteers! Reach out if you're interested for more info. Aloha!



Yada Yada



Karen Wataru Nakaoka

Congrats go out to **Karen Wataru Nakaoka**, HVCB's Director of Membership, the 2021 Career Achievement honoree for this year's Pineapple Awards from Pacific Business News. Anyone that knows her knows that she truly deserves this award. She works so very hard and truly cares about Hawaii, its workers, and the hospitality industry. So happy that she was selected to receive this acknowledgment! • **Alejandro Moxey** has joined **RocketRez** as Senior Director of Business Development. Most recently, he was leading the Strategic Initiatives and Business Development at Expedia Group. • **The Shoreline Hotel** has announced they have hired **Justin Bliss** as Director of Rooms. Most recently he had the position of Director of Front Office at the

Queen Kapiolani Hotel. • **Turtle Bay Resort** has named **Clayton van Hooijdonk** to the position of resort manager as the hotel reopens this month. Bringing more than 20 years of experience with him working in luxury hotel properties, van



Clayton van Hooijdonk

Hooijdonk, a native of New Zealand, will oversee the resort's guest-facing operations, including its new restaurants, bars, amenities, and new guest experiences. He brings a well-rounded hospitality background heavily focused on F&B. He previously served as director of food and beverage for the acclaimed Resort at Pelican Hill in Newport Beach, California, The Montage Beverly Hills, and the Intercontinental Miami in Florida. For nearly a decade prior, he was executive chef at various Ritz-Carlton properties. Welcome!

Reopening Updates

Art on the Zoo Fence Returns

The City finally allowed Art on the Zoo Fence to return early last month. Local artists display their art every Saturday and Sunday on the Zoo fence on Monsarrat Avenue opposite Kapiolani Park Bandstand. Browse original paintings, prints, photographs and more. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free. artonthezoo fence.com.

Iolani Palace Expands Tour Days

Iolani Palace opened for an additional day of tours beginning last month. Self-led audio tours are now available to guests on Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours are limited to 10 people max per group and staggered at 15-minute entrance intervals. Must be booked in advance. Call 522-0832 or at IolaniPalace.org.

Paradise Helicopters Reopens West O'ahu Operations

Paradise Helicopters has reopened its Kalaeloa Airport operations, offering four doors-off tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A private tour for up to four guests starts at \$1,140 per aircraft. Their Circle Island and Sunset Experience tours are also available as private tours for up to four guests starting at \$2,540 per aircraft. paradiseco pters.com.

Sea Life Park Now Open 5 Days

Sea Life Park is now open five days a week, from Fridays through Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed Wed & Thurs). Dolphin Encounters are offered Mon, Tues, & Wed at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Ka Moana Luau is open Sun - Wed, and Friday evenings from 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. but as I write this in early June, July is nearly sold out! sealifeparkhawaii.com.

Ritz-Carlton Spa Extends Days

The Ritz Carlton Spa is now open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. as well as increasing its menu of available options. 729-9783

Waikiki Trolley Relaunches Tours

The Waikiki Trolley brought back their Hop-on, Hop-off Honolulu Sightseeing Trolley Tours a few weeks ago. Guests can once again hop onto the Red, Blue and Pink Line Trolleys. The Blue Line Runs every 1 hour and 55 minutes from Diamond Head to Sea Life Park beginning at 8 a.m., the Red Line begins at 9 a.m., and runs every hour and 25 minutes through the City Arts District, and the Pink Line runs every 30 minutes to Ala Moana beginning at 10 a.m. waikikitrolley.com.

Wang Chungs is Back!

Waikiki's favorite karaoke bar has reopened! Wang Chungs is now open daily from 6 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Be advised there is no food service right now, but they expect to feature some kitchen takeovers and pop-ups in the future. Walk-in only, no reservations. Capacity is limited, so there may be a waitlist when you arrive. Follow them on Facebook for updates. facebook.com/wangchungswaikiki.

Wet'n'Wild Now Open Daily

Wet'n'Wild will be open daily at 10:30 a.m. throughout the month of July, closing at 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, and every Saturday, the Park will stay open until 9:00 p.m. for Dive'n'Movie night as families can watch movies under the stars or floating on an inner-tube at the wavepool. Free with park admission. wetnildhawaii.com.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA *Newsflash*

ROCK-A-HULA'S WAIKIKI LUAU CLOSED FOR MONTH OF JULY

The new Waikiki Luau at the Royal Hawaiian Theater is on hiatus until the end of the month. On August 1st, the luau reopens, and guests will be able to experience the luau on Friday and Sunday nights from 6 - 7:45 p.m. Tickets are currently onsale online. For those of you out there missing Rock-A-Hula's Rockin' Show, there's good news. They recently announced that the show would return on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sunday evenings, effective September 2nd. rockahulahawaii.com.

POLO SEASON RETURNS AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

After most of last year's season was canceled, Hawaii Polo is back and open to the public every Sunday through Labor Day. Mokuleia Polo Field opens at 11 a.m. with matches starting at 2 p.m. Entry requires reserved parking or a VIP table. Pricing did go up this year. Parking is now \$25 on the mauka side of the field and \$40 for the makai side; both plus admission of \$18 per person. VIP table available beginning at \$250 for 6. BYOB, as the bar will only offer non-alcoholic mocktails. HawaiiPolo.com.

BUS STOP CLOSURES BETWEEN THE HALE KOA AND HILTON

Trolley/Tour buses are not allowed to stop at City bus stops within the Waikiki district. Effective Tuesday, June 15, bus stop #887 on Kalia Road, opposite Maluhia Street was discontinued and be converted into a stop for trolleys and tour buses. The nearest bus stops will be on Kalia fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Paoa Place and fronting the US Army Museum on Saratoga.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI RETURNS TO FULL OPERATIONS

The Battleship Missouri Memorial has returned to its full schedule, operating the same days and hours they were running prior to the pandemic. The Mighty Mo is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, continuing static tours as a way to safely engage guests about the history, firepower and legacy of the Mighty Mo. While on board, check out "Missouri in the Movies" a new exhibit showcasing artifacts from a number of films the Mighty Mo was featured in. This exhibit runs thru August 31. ussmissouri.org.

HAWAII NAUTICAL DROPS SCUBA DIVING FROM TOURS

Hawaii Nautical has announced that due to an extremely high price increase to their SCUBA diving insurance, they have decided they will no longer be offering SCUBA on their tours. All other tours, save the Fireworks Dinner, are still operating as normal. hawaiinautical.com.

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK'S ROYAL ROOM CELEBRATES MUSIC

Although it was opened nearly five months ago, it comes to mind that many of you were still furloughed and might have missed the news. So to bring everyone up to speed, Waikiki Beach Walk opened The Royal Room on the 2nd floor. In partnership with the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame, the room celebrates Hawai'i's musical heritage. In addition, the Royal Room's interactive exhibits and hands-on classes are designed to perpetuate Hawai'i's traditional arts. Stop by!

SUNSET SESSIONS RETURN TO DECK AT THE QUEEN KAPIOLANI

Sunset Sessions at Deck returned on June 27th. As with all things, the event has been modified for 2021; for one, it will now be a quarterly series instead of monthly, so the next one will be in September. Secondly, reservations are now required for entry with seating to begin at 4 p.m. Check-in will take place on the second floor of Queen Kapiolani Hotel in the Royal Gallery for contact tracing and ID check prior to entry, the performance begins at 5 p.m. 931-4488 or deckwaikiki.com

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The Waikiki Starlight Luau takes place on The Great Lawn, a spectacular open-air venue.

General seating also available.
Information subject to change without notice.

Use your phone's camera to learn more or make your reservation.

Let's be Together...

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MONDAY

100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki	944-4494
<i>Live Contemporary & Hawaiian</i>	
Dustin Park	6-8pm
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233
<i>Live Contemporary & Hawaiian</i>	
David Asing	5-8pm
Chart House Waikiki	941-6660
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Camarillo Brothers	6-9pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki	922-2268
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Scott Magz (7/5)	4-6pm
Ben Kama (7/12)	4-6pm
Eddie Somera (7/19)	4-6pm
Ellsworth Simeona (7/26)	4-6pm
Shawn Pimental Duo	7-10pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille	924-4992
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>	
Sean Naauao	6-8pm
Mahina & Sun's	923-8882
<i>Monday Vibes on the Lanai</i>	
Brent Limos	6:30-9:30pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian	923-7311
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Christian Yrizarry	8-10pm
Merriman's Honolulu	215-0022
<i>Live Slack Key guitarist</i>	
Freddy Leone	5:30-7:30pm
Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina	381-4086
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Gabe Miller or Dustin Park	6:30-8pm
Rumfire	921-4600
<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>	
Chris Salvador	6-9pm
Signature Prime Steak	949-3636
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>	
Keith Montross	6-9pm
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani	921-4600
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Alex Oasay	5-8pm
Swell at the Alohilani	294-4108
<i>Solo Contemporary Guitarist</i>	
Johnny Helm	6:30-9:30pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider	922-3111
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Johnny Valentine	5-9pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar	923-TIKI
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Sonny Kapu	5:30-7:30pm
Push O Verse	8-10pm
Tommy Bahama Restaurant	923-8785
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.</i>	
Jeremy Hirokawa	5-8pm

TUESDAY

100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki	944-4494
<i>Live Contemporary & Hawaiian</i>	
Mike Tulba	6-8pm

Amuse Wine Bar	237-5428
<i>Live R&B & Contemporary</i>	
Chris Salvador	7-9pm
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233
<i>Backyard Hawaiian</i>	
Ben Kama	5-8pm
Chart House Waikiki	941-6660
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Ryan Tang Group	6-9pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki	922-2268
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Taz Vegas (or others)	4-6pm
Ellsworth Simeona (or others)	7-10pm
Giovanni Pastrami	923-2100
<i>Acoustic Soul, R&B and Pop</i>	
YOZA (or others)	6:30-9:30pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille	924-4992
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>	
Robi Kahakalau & Kalae Camarillo	6-8pm
Mahina & Sun's	923-8882
<i>Electrifying Acoustic on the Lanai</i>	
Laupepa Letuli	6:30-9:30pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian	923-7311
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Eric Lee	5-9pm
Merriman's Honolulu	215-0022
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
John Kema	5:30-7:30pm
Maui Brewing Company	843-2739
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Fia	6-8pm
Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina	381-4086
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Johnny the Third (or others)	6:30-8pm
Off the Lip Bar at Turtle Bay Resort	293-6000
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Jenna Keala	7:30-10:30pm
Rumfire	921-4600
<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>	
Christian Yrizarry	6-9pm
Signature Prime Steak	949-3636
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>	
Keith Montross	6-9pm
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani	921-4600
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Freddy Leone	5-8pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider	922-3111
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Alex Oasay	5-9pm
The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay	293-6000
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Kaimi Hananoeau	4:30-7:30pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar	923-TIKI
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Jason Laeha	5:30-7:30pm
Ashton	8-10pm
Tommy Bahama Restaurant	923-8785
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.</i>	
Johnny Kukui	5-8pm

WEDNESDAY

100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki	944-4494
<i>Live Contemporary & Hawaiian</i>	
Chris Salvador	6-8pm
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233
<i>Island Vibes</i>	
Danny Galura	5-8pm
Chart House Waikiki	941-6660
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Mike Tulba	6-9pm
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki	922-2268
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Randy Allen (or others)	4-6pm
Kalae Camarillo (or others)	7-10pm
Giovanni Pastrami	923-2100
<i>Acoustic Guitar Soul, R&B</i>	
Jason Laeha	6:30-9:30pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille	924-4992
<i>Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians</i>	
Ei Nei	6-8pm
Mahina & Sun's	923-8882
<i>Soufful Guitar on the Lanai</i>	
Cameron Achuela	6:30-9:30pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian	923-7311
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Jeremy Hirokawa	5-9pm
Maui Brewing Kailua	518-2739
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Preston Kauwe (or others)	6-8pm
Merriman's Honolulu	215-0022
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Gabe Miller	5:30-7:30pm
Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina	381-4086
<i>Live Contemporary</i>	
Izik and Evan Khay	6:30-8p
Rumfire	921-4600
<i>Live Contemporary Hits</i>	
Mike Tulba	6-9pm
Signature Prime Steak	949-3636
<i>Contemporary Pianist in the bar</i>	
Pierre Grill	6-9pm
Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani	921-4600
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Johnny Helm	5-8pm
Swell at the Alohilani	294-4108
<i>Solo Contemporary Guitarist</i>	
Freddy Leone	6:30-9:30pm
The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider	922-3111
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Christian Yrizarry	5-9pm
The Deck at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel	931-4488
<i>Old School Vinyl/ R&B/ Hip Hop</i>	
DJ Lowtide	6-9pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar	923-TIKI
<i>Live Contemporary Hawaiian</i>	
Ben Kama	5:30-7:30pm
Push O Verse	8-10pm
Tommy Bahama Restaurant	923-8785
<i>Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.</i>	

E Pili Kākou

music schedules subject to change

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Stan Albrecht 5-8pm

THURSDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233

Contemporary & Hawaiian

Sonny Kapu 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Tito & David 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Alika Souza (or others) 4-6pm

Scott Magz (or others) 7-10pm

Eating House 1849 Waikiki 924-1849

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Shane Kainoa 5-8pm

Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100

Live Contemporary

Billy Sage 6:30-9:30pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992

Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians

Kawika Kahiapo 6-8pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882

Hawaiian Contemporary on the Lanai

Kelly Boy DeLima 6:30-9:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Dustin Park 8-10pm

Maui Brewing Kailua 518-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Jason Laeha 6-8pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022

Live Contemporary

Laupepa 5:30-7:30pm

MINA's Fish House 679-0079

Live Contemporary Hits

Christian Yrizarry 6-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086

Live Contemporary

Sienna Souza 6:30-8pm

Off the Lip Bar at Turtle Bay Resort 293-6000

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Johnny Valentine 7:30-10:30pm

Rumfire 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hits

Kamuella Kahoano 6-9pm

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636

Contemporary Pianist in the bar

Grant Carvalho & Rocky Holmes 6-9pm

Sky Waikiki 979-7590

Live Contemporary

John Akapo 5-8pm

Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Dave Watanabe 5-8pm

The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Mike Izon 5-9pm

Randy Allen (7/1, 7/29) 5-9pm

The Deck at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel 931-4488

Acoustic/Country/Pop

Jared Ming 5-8pm

The Point Sunset Pool Bar at Turtle Bay 293-6000

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Johnny Helm 4:30-7:30pm

The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760

Live Contemporary

Cory Oliveros (or Keoni Ku) 6-8pm

Kapena Delima (7/22) 6-8pm

Jeremy Hirokawa (7/29) 6-8pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Malu Productions 5:30-7:30pm

Ashton 8-10pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785

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

Alex Oasay 5-8pm

FRIDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Art Kalahiki & Friends 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Mike Tullba 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Maunalua 4-6pm

Kawika Kahiapo 7-10pm

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383

Live Contemporary

Kailua Beach Buddies 6-9pm

Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince 622-7558

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Melaniie 5-7pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992

Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians

Kamakakehau Fernandez 6-8pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882

Slack Key on the Lanai

Dustin Park Duo 6:30-9:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Cory Oliveros 5-9pm

Mariposa 951-3420

Live Contemporary

Chris Salgado 2:30-5:30pm

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Scott Magz 6-8pm

Maui Brewing Kailua 518-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Dion "Boogie" Scott 7-9pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022

Live Contemporary

Shane 5:30-7:30pm

MINA's Fish House 679-0079

Live Contemporary Hits

Jenna Keala 6-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086

Live Contemporary

John Akapo 6:30-8p

O Bar at the Alohilani 294-4108

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Mike Izon 6:30-9:30pm

Rumfire 921-4600

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Johnny Helm 6-9pm

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Sky Waikiki 979-7590

Live Contemporary

John Akapo 5-8pm

Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Kamaka Camarillo 5-8pm

The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Alex Oasay 5-8pm

Chris Salvador 8-10pm

The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760

Live Contemporary

Kapena Delima (or others) 6-8pm



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 Jason Midro 6-8pm

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach **924-2233**
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 Christian Yrizarry (or others) 7-10pm

Hard Rock Cafe **955-7383**
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Kailua Beach Buddies 6-9pm
Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince **622-7558**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Mike Izon 5-7pm
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Mahina & Sun's **923-8882**
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 Josh Akapo 6:30-9:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian **923-7311**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Dave Watanabe 5-9pm

Mariposa **951-3420**
Live Contemporary
 Aisaiah Jacobs 2:30-5:30pm

Maui Brewing Company **843-2739**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Taz Vegas or Shay Marcello 6-8pm

Maui Brewing Kailua **518-2739**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Scott Magz (or Kamuela Kahoano) 7-9pm

Merriman's Honolulu **215-0022**
Live Contemporary
 Chris Salvador 5:30-7:30pm

MINA's Fish House **679-0079**
Live Contemporary Hits
 Randy Allen (or others) 6-9pm

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

O Bar at the Alohilani **294-4108**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Johnny Helm 6:30-9:30pm

Rumfire **921-4600**
Live Contemporary Hits
 Alex Oasay 6-9pm

Signature Prime Steak **949-3636**
Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Grant Carvalho & Rocky Holmes 6-9pm

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

Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani **921-4600**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kona Aberagas 5-8pm

Swell at the Alohilani **294-4108**
DJ/Big Wave Pro Surfer Keala "KK" Kennelly Spins Poolside
 DJ KK 1-4pm

The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider **922-3111**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Freddy Leone 5-8pm
 Christian Yrizarry 8-10pm

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

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 Jeannette Trevais 6pm-8pm

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 Chris Murphy 5-8pm

Vintage 1901 at the Moana **921-4600**
Contemporary Piano
 David Swanson 5:30-8:30pm

SUNDAY

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

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach **924-2233**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alika Souza 11am-2pm
 Pono Kaeo 5-8pm

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

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki **922-2268**
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Ben Kama (or others) 10am-noon
 Ellsworth Simeona (or others) 1-3pm

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 Kapena (7/18) 4-6pm
 Beach 5 (7/25) 4-6pm

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Giovanni Pastrami **923-2100**
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Dining Dish



I finally made it down to the **Hau Tree** for brunch a few weeks ago and it surpassed all of my expectations. There were five of us so I was able to taste multiple items, and every single one was a hit. What a beautiful place to sit down and relax – and the entertainment on Kaimana Beach never disappoints, LOL. I had

the Lobster Benedict which was fabulous, and we were all obsessed with the baby potatoes drizzled with a delicious chimichurri-like sauce. Reservations are tough to get though. It's usually sold out about two-and-a-half weeks in advance, so book early. 923-1555. • The popular Chinese eatery **Mandalay Restaurant** has moved from their Alakea Street location to the end of Waiialae Avenue, and picked up the former chef from Beijing Waikiki along the way, given the new location absolute raves about the Chinese food. Open Wed - Monday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., closed Tuesdays. 525-8585. • Taking over the former Mandalay space is **Bourbon Street Restaurant & Bar**. Bringing a taste of New Orleans to Hawaii, I like what I have have tasted thus far. The shrimp n'grits are good, the chicken and waffles even better and the BBQ shrimp are outstanding! With a menu filled with items like Jambalaya, Gumbo, Etouffée, and catfish and crawfish on the way, they're filling a flavor niche Honolulu has been missing for a while. They're offering live music on weekends and brunch and I'm seeing positive reviews of a fun, lively location online, but I haven't been able to get my hands on the calendar yet. Open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., and from 4 p.m. - midnight. Sundays from 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., they offer a bistro express counter for lunch and are closed Mondays. 784-0351. • Big musical changes taking place at **The Veranda**. The hotel has taken the music in a more Hawaiian direction, showcasing the likes of *Kapena Delima* and *Jeremy Hirokawa*, and will still be offering piano on Saturday nights, but *David Swanson* will no longer be performing there. The beloved piano player who has been entertaining audiences at The Kahala for over 15 years can now be found weekends at **Vintage 1901 at the Moana** from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. • As you will see in the next column, **Mariposa** has reopened, and I was lucky enough to get a sneak peek of some of the new items *Chef Nakamoto* has created. Although the menu has been streamlined, regulars will be happy to see most of their most popular items, including those famous popovers, the chilled King Crab Salad, and Lobster Club are back. In addition, chef has created a few new menu items including a Grilled Wagyu Steak Frites, a Blackened Ahi with Brown Butter Miso Sauce and a Kiawe Smoked Pork Chop that was so tender and absolutely bursting with flavor. There are daily specials like Chicken Milanese Mondays, Laksa Curry Tuesdays or a Benedict of the Day on Sundays. The restaurant offers live music Friday and Saturday afternoons and Sundays from 12 - 3 p.m. So nice to see them back! 951-3420.

Restaurant Updates

The reopenings continue

Halekulani Bakery reopens

With the reopening of Halepuna Waikiki comes the reopening of the Halekulani Bakery. For now it will be open from 6:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for breakfast and lunch takeaway items. halekulani.com/dining/halekulani-bakery-restaurant.

Mariposa has reopened

Mariposa reopened on June 12th. The restaurant did some light refurbishments on the place during the closure. Chef Lawrence Nakamoto is also back as are many of your favorite items as well adding a few new ones to the menu. 951-3420.

Morimoto Asia has reopened

On June 25th, Morimoto Asia Waikiki reopened their doors. The restaurant will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m Wednesday thru Sundays and closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. morimotoasiawaikiki.com.

Mugen reopened

Mugen, ESPACIO's jewel box French-Japanese culinary concept features an inventive tasting menu officially reopened with a new signature dining experience and an elevated tasting menu by Chef Jason Yamaguchi. Mugen's eight-course tasting menu is priced at \$150 with an optional wine pairing for \$70. Open Tuesday thru Saturday with two seatings at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. 377-2247 or mugenwaikiki.com.

Stripsteak is reopening!

Chef Michael Mina's Stripsteak reopens on July 1st on the Grand Lanai at the International Market Place. Expect all your old menu favorites, as well as some new Japanese-inspired dishes. They are also taking their cocktail and wine programs to the next level under the direction of MINA Group Director of Bars Mike Lay and their Wine Director/Master Sommelier, Jeremy Shanker. Open from 5 p.m. Wed thru Sun, closed Monday and Tuesdays. 896-2545.

Dean & DeLuca Expands Hours

As visitors continue to arrive and locations are getting staffed up, Dean & DeLuca Hawaii has expanded the hours of their Royal Hawaiian Center location from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and their Ritz Carlton location is now open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. deandeluca-hawaii.com.

Stage Wine Events Return

Stage Restaurant brings back their Wine Ovation dinner last Tuesday of the month. Beverage focused Tasting Thursdays with tapas style dishes paired with beverages are also back every second Thursday of the month. stagerestaurant-hawaii.com

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continuing Events

DAILY FREE COVID TESTING

The City & County of Honolulu is providing free COVID-19 testing for all Hotel, Restaurant and Food Service Industry Workers. Must show valid government photo ID and employee ID/paystub. Hawaiian Monarch Hotel Upper Lobby. Open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pre-register at oahucitypass.lumisight.com.

DAILY • FREE UKULELE LESSONS

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

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

Pow! Wow! May have been canceled in Kaka'ako this year, but Bishop Museum to the rescue! This exhibit showcases over 160 of the most notable Hawai'i-based artists, sculptors, and international street artists, with 30 artists creating murals and installations within the gallery and throughout Bishop Museum's 15-acre campus. Open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily thru September 15th. bishopmuseum.org.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS WBW FARMERS MARKET

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

TUESDAYS • KU HA'AHEO

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

WEDNESDAYS LEARN TO MAKE MELE

Learn to make a feather flower from a third generation master, Mele, in the art of feather lei making every Wednesday from 11 - 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 - 2:30 p.m. in The Royal

Room. Limited to 4 people per class so be sure to reserve your space by calling ahead. Free. 499-7408. waikikibeachwalk.com.

WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ALOHA STADIUM SWAP MEET

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet has been one of Hawaii's premier outdoor markets since 1979. Featuring over 400 vendors, crafters, artists from all over the world, the Swap Meet offers discounts on a wide selection of high quality products from clothing, accessories, Hawaiian souvenirs, pre-packaged ethnic foods, fine jewelry, handcrafted products and exclusive art pieces. A rotating host of food trucks are also on hand. Wednesdays & Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sundays from 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. alohastadium.hawaii.gov.

FRIDAYS KAMA'AINA FREE ON FRIDAYS

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

FIRST FRIDAY (JULY 2) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

Honolulu's beloved monthly outdoor self-guided arts tour downtown is back with safety modifications in place. Taking place the first Friday of each month, various art galleries and eateries will be offering specials between 6 - 9 p.m. Monthly updates about participants are finalized and published 2 days before each First Friday online at firstfridayhawaii.com.

SECOND FRIDAY (JULY 9) FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

The 4th Friday of every month is now Food Truck Friday the corner of Nimitz Highway and Valkenburg across the Fireman's Training, You'll find food trucks and snack and baked goods booths, and retail goods. Free admission 4 - 9 p.m. islandcraftfairs.org.

FRIDAY & SATURDAYS FREE LEI MAKING CLASS

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

FRIDAY - SUNDAY MALU NIU EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

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

SATURDAYS FREE HULA LESSONS

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

SATURDAYS KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET

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

SATURDAYS • KCC FARMERS MARKET

Fresh island produce, seafood, flowers and more are available from over two-dozen

vendors at Kapiolani Community College. 7:30 - 11 a.m. hfbf.org/farmers-markets/kcc.

SATURDAYS PEARLRIDGE FARMERS MARKET

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

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ART ON THE ZOO FENCE

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

FIRST SUNDAY (JULY 11) NA KŪPUNA NIGHTS

The Hyatt Regency Waikiki celebrates Hawai'i's elders the first Sunday of each month (moved to the 2nd Sunday this month because of the holiday) with Na Kūpuna Nights at the Na Lea Terrace on the 3rd Floor. Featuring live Hawaiian music, arts and crafts, and food. Emceed by Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning singer, Ku'uipo Kumukahi and featuring Karen Keawehawai'i. \$80. 5 - 8 p.m. 237-6196.

SUNDAYS FREE HULA LESSONS

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

SUNDAYS KAILUA FARMERS MARKET

Wander through multiple vendors offering an abundance of fresh local produce, artisan foods and wares and more. Pali Lanes, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. farmloversmarkets.com.

THIRD SUNDAY (JULY 20) FAMILY FREE SUNDAY

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

JULY 1 JODY WATLEY



Grammy®-winner, multi-platinum singer, songwriter, producer, and style icon Jody Watley, best known for her chart-topping hit "Looking For A New Love," is coming to Hawaii. Two shows nightly at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$35 - \$45. bluenotehawaii.com.

JULY 2 - 4 E LEI HO'I, E LILI'ULANI Ē

The Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra's summer Sheraton Starlight Series continues with the Music For and By The Queen Lili'uokalani. This

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outdoor performance features the vocals of Raiatea Helm, Robert Cazimero, Del Beazley, David Kauahikaua Moon Kauakahi, Eric Lee & Ho'okena. 7:30 - 9 p.m. Waikiki Shell. Limited tickets available at myhso.org.

JULY 2 - AUGUST 20 • BEYOND VAN GOGH: THE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE



This unique multimedia experience has been making waves across the country with its cutting-edge projection technology, as there are close to 50 "Immersive Van Gogh" exhibits currently running or planned in the U.S. Beyond Van Gogh breathes new life into Van Gogh's vast body of work. This immersive experience features more than 300 of Vincent Van Gogh's masterpieces and takes the art lover into a three-dimensional world. Tickets have been selling fast. vangoghhololulu.com.

JULY 4 JBPHH FIREWORKS SHOW

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) MWR will put on a 15-minute fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. greatlifehawaii.com.

JULY 8-18 VIVE LE CINEMA

(Virtual) The HIFF Showcase Series will end the season with VIVE LE CINEMA, a celebration of the latest films by emerging filmmakers in French cinema.. \$45 gives you online access to all films in this series, or purchase individual film tickets at \$8 each. hiff.org.

JULY 9 - 11 WEST SIDE STORY & MORE

Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra's summer concert series continues as Hawaii native Sarah Hicks leads a program of eclectic American works including highlights from Bernstein's West Side Story and Copland's Rodeo featuring Makana. 7:30 - 9 p.m. Waikiki Shell. myhso.org.

JULY 10 HOT IMPORT NIGHTS

This annual show features cars, music, fashion, food, art & entertainment celebrates car tuning culture and lifestyle. Blaisdell Center. 5-11 p.m. hotimportnights.com.

JULY 10-11 2021 ISLAND CRAFTERS INDOOR MARKET

Over 45 vendors onsite selling quality products from handmade jewelry, masks, baked goods, hot food, exclusive apparel and local snacks, and more! Social distancing will be in effect at this indoor shopping experience, including one way aisles. Pearl Highlands Center. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. islandcraftfairs.org.

JULY 15 JOHN CRUZ AND FRIENDS

This will be John Cruz's first in-person headline concert on Oahu in nearly a year, so expect him to be on fire. Two-shows at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$30 - \$40. bluenotehawaii.com.

JULY 18 51ST ANNUAL UKULELE FESTIVAL

(Virtual) The 51st Ukulele Festival Hawaii will be

an all day virtual extravaganza livestreamed from the Ala Moana Hotel, featuring the likes of Roy Sakuma, Danny Kaleikini, Jake Shimabukuro, Herb Ohta Jr. and more. The event is free and will be livestreamed on their official YouTube page. The event runs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. youtube.com/RoySakumaProductions.

JULY 21-22 MARLON WAYANS



Marlon Wayans is an actor, producer, comedian, writer and film director. His movies have grossed more than \$736 million at the box office. Marlon hit a career milestone with his first-ever stand-up comedy special, "Woke-ish," on Netflix in February of 2018. Two-shows nightly at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$45 - \$45. bluenotehawaii.com.

JULY 22-25 ALL-4-ONE

The Grammy Award Winning group All-4-One is internationally known for making beautiful love songs such as "I Swear", "I Can Love You Like That", "So Much In Love", "I Turn To You", "These Arms", and more. Two-shows nightly at 6:30 and 9 p.m. \$45 - \$55. bluenotehawaii.com.

JULY 25 ALOHA HOME MARKET

Kailua's popup market showcases unique local treasures and finds featuring local furniture

makers, artisans, jewelry makers, clothing designers, food vendors, and more. Admission is free, and the market is held in a covered outdoor venue 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 340 Uluniu Street. alohahomemarket.com.

JULY 30 KOLOHE KAI AND JOE SAMBO

Kolohe Kai has consistently been one of the most popular artists in Pacific Island Reggae music for over a decade, having produced 10 Island Reggae. Their sound infuses the localism of ukulele music with rhythms of roots reggae, and more recently pop and R&B. Gates open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. \$39.50-\$59.50 Waikiki Shell. bampproject.com.

JULY 31 JIM GAFFIGAN



Six-time Grammy nominated comedian, actor, writer, producer, two-time *New York Times* best-selling author, two-time Emmy winning top touring performer, and multi-platinum-selling recording artist

Jim Gaffigan is known for his unique brand of humor, which largely revolves around his observations on life as well as his roles on *That 70's Show*, *My Booz*, *Portlandia*, and *The Jim Gaffigan Show*. Gates open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. \$45 - \$65. Waikiki Shell. bampproject.com.

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Chef's Corner

Celebrity Chef Michael Mina

Michael Mina's culinary journey began in 1987 at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. During those 18 months of formal schooling, he spent his weekends sharpening his talents in Charlie Palmer's kitchen at upscale Aureole in NYC. Chef Mina's culinary and business vision led to the founding of The MINA Group, with partner Andre Agassi in 2002 and has over 30 different restaurant concepts today.

Congrats on reopening, any changes to expect?

We will return with our signature items but will introduce new Japanese-inspired dishes to our menu. We will also be evolving our cocktail and wine programs to the next level.

Can we expect you on island for the reopening?

Absolutely! I have a house here & truly consider this my second home. I can't wait to spend time in one of my favorite places for this reopening!

How did your restaurants handle the pandemic?

It's been a very tough year for all of us across the industry. We were devastated to close the restaurant due to the pandemic but at the same time, were so proud to be able to offer meals to our furloughed employees via our MINA Family Meal program. It feels amazing to be able to reopen to the community and we've been very fortunate to welcome back a large majority of our team to the restaurant.

Are you confident in the industry's resurgence?

Absolutely. It's apparent that the restaurant industry has experienced adversity but as a collective, we are the most resilient group of people and are accustomed to continuously evolving and adapting. If there's one industry that can overcome a setback, it's hospitality.

You're a guest judge on MasterChef this season. What do you think about TV chef craze?

I was so excited to be on MasterChef and to see the amazing up-and-coming talent of these aspiring chefs! Many people don't know that I'm actually quite shy – so the appearances aren't the most natural for me – but I do think that this has been an amazing era overall for shining a light on the talent in our industry.

What was your first job in the industry?

I was a prep cook at a family friend's restaurant.

Who would you consider your mentor and why? Chef Charlie Palmer. Working for him shaped me and he's a close friend & mentor to this day.

Is tennis star Andre Agassi still your partner?

It's been a blessing to have Andre as a partner and our company wouldn't exist without him. He's still involved with MINA Group to this day.

Tell us about your early food memories.

I grew up in a Middle-Eastern household in the US with my parents hailing from Egypt. There were always a lot of people at meal periods and food and eating was such an important part of our social experience. The table was laid out all day with some of my favorite foods. We would spend hours there, talking, laughing, arguing and most important of all, connecting. Middle-Eastern food is very bold in flavor with rich spices and a wide variety of vegetables and fruits forming the backbone of the cuisine. The mixture of spices, acidity & sweetness ensured my palate was trained at a very young age.

Describe your food / leadership philosophy.

My team at MINA Group are what inspire me daily. It's all about community for me and I take this approach to my cooking and the way I operate the company.

There's a lot of restaurants struggling out there these days after COVID. Any words of advice?

The comeback is greater than the setback! The hardest periods in my life are where I've grown the strongest

What's next for you?

Reopening our restaurants and bringing our team back together is my main priority, but we have some very exciting openings coming up in Seattle and Marin County – with more to come!



Truffled Mac and Cheese

Truffled Cheese Sauce:

4 tbs unsalted butter
2 tbs black truffle peelings, such as La Truffière from jar, drained & diced
6 tbs all-purpose flour
3 cups chicken stock
2 tbs + ¼ tsp Kosher salt, to taste
¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper

Ingredients for Mac and Cheese:

1 cup Parmesan cheese finely grated, divided
1 cup sharp white cheddar cheese, roughly grated, divided
1 cup Asiago cheese, roughly grated, divided
3 ½ cups elbow pasta
¼ teaspoon of Kosher salt

Sauce Directions: In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium-low. Add diced truffle peelings; stir. Whisk in flour one tablespoon at a time, letting mixture become smooth before the next addition, creating a thick, smooth paste. Add chicken stock and bring to a simmer. Whisk until mixture is thick enough to coat a spoon. Add 2 tablespoons salt and the black pepper. Remove from heat and pass through a fine mesh strainer into a bowl to eliminate lumps. Reserve. **Mac & Cheese Directions:** Cook elbow macaroni in well-salted water until al dente according to package directions. Rinse lightly, drain and reserve. Preheat oven to broil. In a large pot, heat the Truffled Cheese Sauce over low heat, simmering until hot (do not boil). Add cooked pasta and raise heat to medium-low. Add 7/8 of the measurement of each of the grated cheeses and stir to incorporate well. Transfer mixture to a shallow, oven-proof serving dish. Sprinkle remaining grated cheeses on top. Place in broiler and brown the top layer of the Mac and Cheese until bubbling and golden-brown. Serve immediately. **NOTE: Truffled Mac and Cheese can be prepared through step 6 up to 5 days in advance and kept, refrigerated. To reheat, warm in a pre-heated 375° oven for 25-30 minutes until warmed through.**

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Hotel Update

It's invigorating to see how many hotels took the down time to remodel and refresh, and the summer brings us three 'new & improved' hotels with some exciting redo's.

One of the more dramatic refreshes comes from the **White Sands Hotel**. Originally built in 1957, it's one of the last vintage walk-up



Swing away the day at the Hey Day Pool Bar from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Photo courtesy of White Sands Hotel.

hotels. Capitalizing on the property's heritage and the new look is anchored in midcentury modern design with a distinctive island flair that embodies the eclectic spirit of Waikiki.

From the moment guests enter through its bamboo lined entry, they feel like they are stepping back in time to an era of playful hospitality, when Hawaii's Polynesian culture influences were felt around the world.

The hotel's 94 guestrooms are centered around a courtyard pool with a cascading waterfall, grotto-style hot tub and lush greenery that will take you back to a lost Hawaiian era, where you'll feel a world away from the hustle and bustle of urban Waikiki. This hip, sundrenched hideaway is all about sipping mai tais and laying back in comfy loungers. The reimagination embodies vintage Hawaii vibes and offers guests an irreverent take on what it was like to work and play in Waikiki back in the day. Throwback touches are found throughout the hotel: whether the bright blue, curly cord landline telephones, or the vintage cigarette machines that now dispense locally made artwork, White Sands Hotel invites guests to slow down and not to take life too seriously.

Another exciting aspect of the property is that the heart of the hotel features an open-air restaurant and bar called "Hey Day" that will serve farm-to-table, new continental cuisine with a throwback Hawaiian twist. Food and drink lovers are going to love this place as the restaurant will be run by Chef Robynne Mai of Fête. The centerpiece of Hey Day is a large, circular poolside bar with hanging chairs, that welcomes guests to swing and sip as they enjoy stiff drinks crafted by several of Waikiki's most popular mixologists; Kyle Reutner, general manager of Kō Hana Distillers and Dave Power of The Feral Pig, Town and Fête. The bar opened last month and is quickly becoming 'the' new hotspot, and the restaurant is scheduled to open in August.

The hotel is also designed for today's thoroughly modern traveler, as it is now the most energy efficient hotel in Waikiki, generating almost all its energy from solar power. Go check out this all-new, blast from the past for yourself, and grab a Mai Tai while you're there. whitesandshotel.com.

The **Turtle Bay Resort** reopens on July 1st and has transformed virtually every single aspect of the hotel in order to celebrate Hawaii's natural beauty by incorporating materials such as reclaimed wood, organic fabrics, and handstitched

leather. Starting from the guests arrival. Every aspect of the arrival experience has been re-designed, beginning with a relocated porte cochere that welcomes guests into a dramatically transformed light-filled lobby that has had walls replaced with windows to showcase the stunning views of the beach, surf and sky in either direction and features large-scale works of art created by Hawaii-based artists.

Beyond the lobby, infinity-style water features will lead guests to a terraced pool deck with a new adults-only pool. The pool deck will also feature luxurious new cabanas and a new pool bar that will serve tropical drinks to guests as they swim, lounge or enjoy the front-row view of the popular surf break just beyond the pool area. There is also a redesigned family-friendly pool.

The entire food and beverage program is also being reconcepted to embrace nature. The lobby bar, Off The Lip, will feature a sunken footprint that provides views of the breaking surf and brilliant Hawaiian sunsets. Celebrating its deep connection with the North Shore surf community, a new gathering place, named the Surf House, will be housed in the former port cochere location and is sure to become a place for surfers and fans of surfing alike to come together and celebrate the sport. The Surf House will feature tributes to surfing's icons and a curated retail experience including vintage surf gear. A new lounge, The Club, will offer views of the pool deck and ocean will be the centerpiece of the resort's exclusive new Vista Level offering, which will provide guests who book it with a host of upgraded amenities and services.

Just off the lobby, the resort's main dining destination, Alaia, will incorporate the bounty of the North Shore's sustainable agriculture throughout the menu, including produce from the resort's own farm. To oversee the reinvented culinary offerings, the hotel has appointed French chef Gilles Epié as their executive chef. With more than 40 years of experience leading the kitchens of award-winning restaurants, Chef Epié is known for his modern French cooking with bold American and international accents, and is the youngest chef to receive a Michelin Star at only 22 years old. turtlebayresort.com.

Beyond Van Gogh

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whatever it is, the hunger to venture into a giant animated projection of a Van Gogh painting is real, and it's everywhere." No fewer than five different exhibits are currently dueling it out across the map for supremacy in the Van Gogh space.

Walking through the exhibit lends itself perfectly to social distancing, so patrons have space to feel the art and absorb the experience. Off-Peak tickets are being sold for Mondays thru Thursdays at \$34.99 for adults and \$18.99 for kids. Fridays thru Sundays and holidays will be considered peak times, and tickets cost \$44.99 per adult and \$22.99 for kids.

Tickets are sold for specific entry times in 15-minute intervals, and patrons are allowed one hour inside the exhibit. For visitors who wish to spend 2 hours inside the exhibition premium tickets are available for \$61.99, and VIP Packages that give patrons 2 hours plus a merchandise bundle and available for \$89.99. Keep in mind tickets went on sale in late May, and the first two weeks sold out almost instantly, so if you or your guests are interested in seeing this exhibit, book your time slot soon. There is a slight chance it will be extended briefly, but if it is extended, it will not be for long, so book now as tickets are going fast. More information can be found at vangoghhololulu.com.

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