

A Letter to the Industry from HTA President & CEO, John De Fries

Twilight Tours at the Zoo are Back



John De Fries

On behalf of our Hawai'i Tourism Authority staff and our Global Marketing Team, it is with deep gratitude that we reflect on the past year. It has been a time unlike any before, with more challenges still

ahead, but also brighter skies as we look forward to the continued economic recovery of our state.

To you, our front-line concierge partners, and everyone in Hawai'i's resilient hospitality industry, mahalo for the sacrifices you and your 'ohana continue to make to keep our community and guests safe. We know it has been tremendously difficult for you. Thousands of our hardworking residents who are concierge, front desk agents, housekeepers, bell staff, restaurant servers, cultural advisors, shop owners, flight attendants, aircraft mechanics, local musicians, tour operators, farmers and food producers, are still feeling the impacts of this pandemic.

As tourism steadily returns, HTA has been working diligently over the past year to educate visitors both pre- and post-arrival about the safety and operational protocols in place to keep our community safe, from Hawai'i's Safe Travels program, to mask-wearing and physical distancing.

Since joining HTA just eight months ago and understanding the daunting challenges ahead, I felt it was important for us all to set forth with the vision and essence of Mālama Ku'u Home, (caring for our home), in which we mālama our guests but in turn educate them on how to mālama us as a people, place and community.

It is imperative that we at HTA can continue to work with the community and visitor industry now more than ever. The

mission of our 2025 Strategic Plan is to strategically manage Hawai'i tourism in a sustainable manner consistent with economic goals, cultural values, preservation of natural resources, community desires and visitor industry needs. HTA has been reorganized around four interacting pillars – natural resources, Hawaiian culture, community and brand marketing – to holistically address tourism's impacts for a better tomorrow.

However, there is mounting uncertainty in respect to the future of our agency due to HB200 (the state budget) and HB862 – bills that were recently passed by the Hawai'i Legislature and are now on the governor's desk for his consideration.

If passed into law, HB862 would be the first step towards the dissolution of HTA and the eventual return to a highly politicized process that no longer serves the best interest of our residents and industry.

Among the major effects, HB862 eliminates HTA's exemption from procurement, effectively handcuffing HTA during the most critical phase of our visitor industry's recovery. As needs develop, HTA will not be able to take advantage of opportunities which will leave Hawai'i at a clear disadvantage in the competitive travel market.

Regarding the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT), HB862 allows the counties to charge their own TAT of up to 3%. This will potentially raise the TAT to 13.25% and increase the cost of a vacation or business trip to Hawai'i. It will also increase the cost of a staycation for Hawai'i's residents.

HB862 also eliminates the TAT as a source of funding for HTA and repeals the Tourism Special Fund at the end of this calendar year. The funding for the next fiscal year would instead come from federal funds through the American Rescue Plan Act. It is still unclear whether we can even use these federal funds to operate HTA.

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Photo courtesy of the Honolulu Zoo Society

Have you ever wondered what the animals do after dark? The Honolulu Zoo has announced they are bringing back their Saturday evening tours that allow visitors an opportunity to experience the Zoo after hours. "Twilight Tours help guests to better understand the work that happens around the clock, and it gives them an opportunity to see animals that may not have been awake during the day," said Mary Benson, executive director of the Honolulu Zoo Society.

Guests will be taken on a two-hour trek giving them an up close and personal look at the Zoo they would never see during the day. Visitors learn about the biology and behavior of these animals, and the role that the Zoo plays helping the conservation of endangered species.

Twilight Tours begin at 5:30 p.m. through September, and an hour earlier from October through March. Tickets are \$25, with discounts available for locals and military. Private tours are also available upon request, by emailing education@honzoosoc.org.

Comfortable shoes are recommended, masks required, and strollers and water bottles welcome. Tours will take place in light rain, so guests should be prepared for inclement weather. honolulu.zoo.org.

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Publisher's Letter



Two steps forward...

... and no real steps backwards at this point! Slowly but surely we seem to be getting back to some semblance of normalcy. Adding to that feeling is the return of our calendar. It's true! It's small, but it's a start. The mere fact there are enough live events out there to share is really exciting. And, I'm happy to say I received the very first press release for an actual event at the Hawaii Theatre from BAMP Project today that I have seen in over a year. Rest assured there's going to be at least one live event to go too on New Years Eve! Steps in the right direction for sure. For those of you out there putting events together, please be sure to share them with me, however modified they may be, as the calendar still pretty light. The majority of the calendar consists of actual in-person events, but I did include one or two virtual ones you can log into and share if you are so inclined. They are notated by the word 'virtual' in front of the listing.

It should go without saying that masks are required at all these events and guests are expected to respect social distancing, but after driving through Waikiki the other day and counting well over 100 people walking around without masks on, perhaps it needs to be said again. I'm thrilled the CDC has said that those vaccinated do not need to be as careful as before if they are with other vaccinated people but, since it's impossible to know if the person next to you is vaccinated or not, as of now Hawaii's mask mandate has not changed. I have a feeling it might continue to get more difficult trying to impress Hawaii's rules upon our visitors, especially those coming from states without any restrictions, so I wish you all luck out there.

It's been an extremely challenging time for all us this past 15 months, but finally I am seeing a lot more positive signs than negative ones. Hawaii's tourism engine has definitely begun to wake up – and by the time you read this, we should have a brand new Waikiki Beach to share with all the visitors we are expecting. Just in time too, I'm hearing it's going to be a busy summer. Go get 'em guys



Yada Yada



Shane Blair

Shane Blair has accepted the position of Rooms Manager at the 'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach Hotel. He was most recently at the Moana Surfrider. **Eian Kim**, formerly the Front Office Manager at the Hyatt Place Waikiki was also hired as a Rooms Manager, joining **Trang Ly** and **Jennifer Yahata**, both of whom formerly worked as Housekeeping Managers at the Moana Surfrider who were hired on several months ago. **Howard Fisher**, former Resort Manager from the Courtyard Waikiki is now

Assistant Director of Room Operations, and congratulations go out to **Daniel Texeira** who was recently promoted to Director of Room Operations from the Director of Front Office.



Daniel Texeira

• **The Hawaii Tourism Authority** Board of Directors selected **George Kam** as its new chair, **David Arakawa** as its vice-chair, **Kimi Yuen** as its second vice-chair, and **Daniel Chun** as its marketing standing committee chair. **Dylan Ching**, **Keone Downing**, and **Sig Zane** were just named to the board, replacing several departing members.

Honoring a King

This month, we honor one of Hawaii's great leaders and a figure with the tale befitting a king and straight out of a fable that begs to be shared, even though most of the festivities have been canceled this year because of COVID.

The Alii

King Kamehameha I was born on the island of Hawai'i, the Big Island between 1748 and 1761. When he was born, the kahuna predicted he would become a great leader who would unite the warring clans of the islands. Such a significant prophecy frightened and angered the Ali'i at the time, who ordered the baby be put to death. To save his life, the infant was whisked away to Waipio Valley where he was raised in secrecy by foster parents until he could safely return to his parents in Kailua-Kona. It was then that young Kamehameha earned his nickname "The Lonely One." The future ruler later fulfilled the kahunas' prediction. Being present when Captain Cook came to the islands, Kamehameha learned about foreign ships and weapons, and with this new knowledge, built a strong army and united the Hawaiian Islands, bringing justice to his people and peace to the land. He went on to establish foreign trade and ushered in the modern Hawaiian flag with 8 stripes representing the main Hawaiian Islands and the Union



Image of King Kamehameha I courtesy of Bishop Museum

Jack in the corner. Kamehameha died in in Kailua-Kona on May 8, 1819 and his bones were hidden as tradition dictates to protect their mana. No one actually knows his final resting place.

The Statue

King David Kalakaua commissioned sculptor Thomas Gould to create a statue of the King. Gould created a 9-foot-tall masterpiece while

living in Italy and sent it to Paris for bronzing. But the ship sunk on the journey from Paris to Hawai'i near the Falkland Islands. Insurance money allowed a second statue to be made from the preserved mold and it arrived in Honolulu in 1883 to take its place at Ali'iolani Hale on King Street. Much to everyone's surprise, just weeks after its arrival, an English ship arrived with the salvaged original. Since a kahuna had prophesized that the statue would only be happy in Kamehameha's birthplace, this original was sent to the town of Kapaa on the Big Island.

The Day

His grandson King Kamehameha V established June 11th as a day to celebrate the great leader. Although the usual celebrations are cancelled this year, the statue will be adorned with lei making for great pictures

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA *Newsflash*

GO KART AT ALOHA STADIUM ON WEEKENDS

What to do with a stadium that's awaiting a complete make-over? Create a pop-up in the parking lot. BTR Karting is now open from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on weekends at the Aloha Stadium Main Gate Parking Lot near the main entrance on Salt Lake Boulevard. Choose from single karts or a Supercar for an adult and child or two kids. Prices begin at \$20. Riders must be at least 54" and able to reach Kart Pedal to ride Gas Karts. btrhawaii.com.

BOOK HANAUMA BAY ONLINE

City officials have launched an online reservation system for Hanauma Bay prior to entry up to 48 hours ahead of your guests' planned visit. The system will remain open until all spaces are filled or until midnight the day before. Time slots are available in 10-minute increments, from 7 a.m. until 1:40 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays. Reservations can be made for up to 10 people at a time, consisting of no more than five children and/or five adults at pros.hnl.info.

HOO MAU HAWAII MARKET AT INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE

The International Market Place will host a special pop-up called the Hoomau Hawaii Market on June 12-13. Featuring Native Hawaiian-owned designers and artists, including Mahina Made, Jules + Gem, Kahua Aina, Hawaii's Heritage Jewelers and Lahaole Designs. The pop-up is will be located on the Grand Lanai. Visit shopinternationalmarketplace.com/events/hoomauhawaiimarket.

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

This new 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. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily thru September 15th. bishopmuseum.org.

NA HO'OLA SPA REOPENS AT THE HYATT REGENCY WAIKIKI

Na Ho'ola Spa at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki reopened May 1st. The revised menu allows guests to choose from five different 50-minute massage treatments Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with advance reservations. Call 237-6330. nahoolaspawaikiki.com.

PARK WEST FINE ART MUSEUM & GALLERY OPENS AT WBW

Park West Fine Art Museum & Gallery is now open at Waikiki Beach Walk in the former Peter Lik & Malibu Shirts location with a huge gallery offering a free-to-the-public art experience that allows visitors to browse works from some of the biggest names in contemporary and classical art, such as Picasso, Rembrandt, Michael Godard, and more. It's part museum, part gallery. Open daily from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. parkwesthawaii.com.

RESERVATION WINDOW FOR ARIZONA MEMORIAL EXTENDED

As demand grows, but social distancing rules remain intact, the USS Arizona Memorial extended its online reservation window last month, allowing visitors to purchase their tickets up to 8-weeks in advance up from only 1-week in advance. New tickets will release on the same long-range rolling schedule, one day at a time. The secondary booking window, 1-day in advance, will remain the same. Head to recreation.gov to book today.

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- Fresh flower lei greeting

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...

DINING ▶ ENTERTAINMENT ▶ PAU HANA ▶ EAT ▶ DRINK ▶ BE MERRY ▶ HAPPY HOUR

MONDAY

- 100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki** 944-4494
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
Jason Midro 6-8pm
- Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** 924-2233
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
David Asing 5-8pm
- Chart House Waikiki** 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Camarillo Brothers 6-9pm
- Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Jenna K 4-6pm
Ellsworth Simeona (6/14) 4-6pm
Taz Vegas (6/28) 4-6pm
YOZA (or others) 7-10pm
- Kani Ka Pila Grille** 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
Sean Naauao 6-8pm
- Mahina & Sun's** 923-8882
Monday Vibes on the Lanai
Brent Limos 6:30-9:30pm
- Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian** 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Christian Oasay 5-9pm
- Merriman's Honolulu** 215-0022
Live Slack Key guitarist
Freddy Leone 5:30-7:30pm
- Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina** 381-4086
Live Contemporary
Gabe Miller or Dustin Park 6:30-8pm
- Rumfire** 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits
Chris Salvador 6-9pm
- Swell at the Alohilani** 294-4108
Solo Contemporary Guitarist
Johnny Helm 6-9pm
- The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Johnny Valentine 5-9pm
- Tiki's Grill & Bar** 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Sonny Kapu 5:30-7:30pm
Push O Verse 8-10pm
- Tommy Bahama Restaurant** 923-8785
Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
Jeremy Hirokawa 5-8pm

TUESDAY

- 100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki** 944-4494
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
Mike Tulba 6-8pm
- Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** 924-2233
Backyard Hawaiian
Ben Kama 5-8pm
- Chart House Waikiki** 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Ryan Tang Group 6-9pm
- Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268

- Live Contemporary Hawaiian*
Taz Vegas (or others) 4-6pm
Denny Ono (or others) 7-10pm
- Giovanni Pastrami** 923-2100
Acoustic Soul, R&B and Pop
YOZA 6:30-9:30pm
- Kani Ka Pila Grille** 924-4992
Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
Robi Kahakalau & Kalae Camarillo 6-8pm
- Mahina & Sun's** 923-8882
Electrifying Acoustic on the Lanai
Laupepa Letuli 6:30-9:30pm
- Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian** 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Eric Lee 5-9pm
- Merriman's Honolulu** 215-0022
Live Contemporary
John Kema 5:30-7:30pm
- Maui Brewing Company** 843-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Fia 6-8pm
- Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina** 381-4086
Live Contemporary
Johnny the Third (or others) 6:30-8pm
- Rumfire** 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits
Christian Yrizary 6-9pm
- Swell at the Alohilani** 294-4108
Lounge DJ
DJ Ezzy 6-9pm
- The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Alex Oasay 5-9pm
- Tiki's Grill & Bar** 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Jason Laeha 5:30-7:30pm
Ashton 8-10pm
- Tommy Bahama Restaurant** 923-8785
Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
Johnny Kukui 5-8pm

WEDNESDAY

- 100 Sails at the Prince Waikiki** 944-4494
Live Contemporary & Hawaiian
Chris Salvador 6-8pm
- Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** 924-2233
Island Vibes
Danny Galura 5-8pm
- Chart House Waikiki** 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Mike Tulba 6-9pm
- Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Randy Allen (or others) 4-6pm
Kala'e Camarillo (or others) 7-10pm
- Giovanni Pastrami** 923-2100
Acoustic Guitar Soul, R&B
Jason Laeha 6:30-9:30pm
- Kani Ka Pila Grille** 924-4992

- Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians*
Ei Nei 6-8pm
- Mahina & Sun's** 923-8882
Soulful Guitar on the Lanai
Cameron Achuela 6:30-9:30pm
- Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian** 923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Jeremy Hirokawa 5-9pm
- Maui Brewing Kailua** 518-2739
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Johnny Helm 6-8pm
Scott Magz (6/2; 6/16) 6-8pm
- Merriman's Honolulu** 215-0022
Live Contemporary
Gabe Miller 5:30-7:30pm
- Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina** 381-4086
Live Contemporary
Izik and Evan Khay 6:30-8p
- Rumfire** 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hits
Mike Tulba 6-9pm
- Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani** 921-4600
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Dave Watanabe 5-7pm
- Swell at the Alohilani** 294-4108
Solo Contemporary Guitarist
Matt Krahula (or others) 6-9pm
- The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider** 922-3111
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Christian Yrizary 5-9pm
- The Deck at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel** 931-4488
Old School Vinyl/ R&B/ Hip Hop
DJ Lowtide 6-9pm
- Tiki's Grill & Bar** 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Ben Kama 5:30-7:30pm
Push O Verse 8-10pm
- Tommy Bahama Restaurant** 923-8785
Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
Stan Albrecht 5-8pm

THURSDAY

- Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach** 924-2233
Contemporary & Hawaiian
Sonny Kapu 5-8pm
- Chart House Waikiki** 941-6660
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Tito & David 6-9pm
- Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki** 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Alika Souza (or others) 4-6pm
Kona Chang (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
- Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince** 622-7558

E Pili Kākou

music schedules subject to change

DINING ▶ ENTERTAINMENT ▶ PAU HANA ▶ EAT ▶ DRINK ▶ BE MERRY ▶ HAPPY HOUR

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Zyasha (or JRoQ) 5-7pm

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
Johnny Valentine 6-9pm

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

Rumfire 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hits
Kamuella Kahoano 6-9pm
Mike Izon (6/10) 6-9pm

Sky Waikiki 979-7590

Live Contemporary
John Akapo 5-8pm

Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Johnny Helm 5-7pm

Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108

Solo Contemporary Guitarist
Denny Ono (or DJ KK) 6-9pm

The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Randy Allen 5-9pm
Dustin Park (6/10) 5-9pm

The Deck at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel 931-4488

Acoustic/Country/Pop
Jared Ming 5-8pm

The Veranda at the Kahala Hotel 739-8760

Live Contemporary
Cory Oliveros (or Keoni Ku) 6-8pm
Jeremy Hirokawa (6/3) 6-8pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Malu Productions 5:30-7:30pm
Ashton 8-10pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785

Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
Alex Oasay 5-8pm

FRIDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Art Kalahiki & Friends 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Mike Tulba 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
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

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Johnny Suite (or Evan Khay) 6-8pm

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
Mike Izon (6/18) 6-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086

Live Contemporary
John Akapo 6:30-8p

Rumfire 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hits
Johnny Helm 6-9pm

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636

Contemporary Pianist in the bar
Pierre Grill 6-9pm

Sky Waikiki 979-7590

Live Contemporary
John Akapo 5-8pm

Splash Bar at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Mike Izon (or others) 5-7pm

Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108

Lounge DJ
DJ Jon Conscious 6-9pm

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
Kamuella Kahoana (6/4) 6-8pm
Eric Lee (6/11) 6-8pm
Zanuck Lindsey (6/18) 6-8pm

Jeremy Hirokawa (6/25) 6-8pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI

Contemporary Hawaiian, Alternative, Pop-Rock, Reggae
The City Boys 3-5pm
RootsKai 5:30-7:30pm
La Pepe 8-10pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785

Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
Chris Murphy 5-8pm

Vintage 1901 at the Moana 921-4600

Contemporary Piano
David Swanson 5:30-8:30pm

SATURDAY

Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
The Barefoot Boys 5-8pm

Chart House Waikiki 941-6660

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Tito Berinobis 6-9pm

Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Kala'e Camarillo (or others) 10am-noon
YOZA (or others) 1-3pm
Beach 5 4-6pm
Kaiona Band (6/5, 6/19) 4-6pm
Bobby Moderow (6/5) 7-10pm



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Dave Young Band (6/12) 7-10pm
 Alx Kawakami Band (6/19) 7-10pm
 Beach 5 (6/26) 7-10pm

Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383

Live Contemporary
 Kailua Beach Buddies 6-9pm

Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince 622-7558

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Mike Izon 5-7pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992

Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Hookena 6-8pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882

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

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Dave Watanabe 5-9pm

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Taz Vegas or Jenna K. 6-8pm

Maui Brewing Kailua 518-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Dion 'Boogie' Scott 6-8pm
 Mark Caldeira (6/11) 6-8pm
 Randy Allen (6/25) 6-8pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022

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

MINA's Fish House 679-0079

Live Contemporary Hits
 Randy Allen 6-9pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086

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

Rumfire 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hits
 Alex Oasay 6-9pm
 Kona Abergas (6/20) 6-9pm

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636

Contemporary Pianist in the bar
 Pierre Grill 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 5-7pm

Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108

DJ/Big Wave Pro Surfer Keala "KK" Kennelly Spins Poolside
 DJ KK 1-4pm
 DJ Jem 6-9pm

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

Live Contemporary
 David Swanson 6pm-8pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI

Contemporary Hawaiian, Alternative, Pop-Rock, Reggae
 Johnny Helm 3:30-5:30pm
 RootsKai 6-8pm
 Ashton 8-10pm

Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785

Contemporary Hawaiian. Happy Hour Daily 2 - 5 p.m.
 Chris Murphy 5-8pm

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 Kao 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
 Henry Kaponu 4-6pm
 Kaiona Duo 7-10pm
 Christian Yrizarry Duo (6/6) 7-10pm
 Sean Cleland (6/20) 7-10pm

Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100

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

Hinana Poolside Bar at the Hawaii Prince 622-7558

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Jeremy Hirokawa 5-7pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992

Hoku Award Winning Hawaiian musicians
 Nathan Aweau 6-8pm

La Hiki Restaurant at the Four Seasons 679-0079

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Kamuela Kahoano 11am-2pm
 Jenna Keala (6/13; 6/27) 11am-2pm

Mahina & Sun's 923-8882

Award-winning ukulele on the Lanai
 Trishnalei 6:30-9:30pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Alex Oasay 5-9pm

Maui Brewing Company 843-2739

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Johnny Helm 6-8pm
 Maile Duo (6/13) 6-8pm
 Chris Murphy (6/20) 6-8pm
 Randy Allen (6/27) 6-8pm

Merriman's Honolulu 215-0022

Live Contemporary
 Cassie and Selwyn 5:30-7:30pm

Monkeypod Kitchen Ko Olina 381-4086

Live Contemporary
 Sienna Souza 2:30-4pm
 Jenna Keala 6:30-8pm

Rumfire 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hits
 Randy Allen 6-9pm
 Mike Izon (6/20) 6-9pm
 Freddy Leone (6/27) 6-9pm

Swell at the Alohilani 294-4108

DJ Spins Poolside
 DJ Jem (or others) 1-4pm
 DJ Vaughn (or others) 6-9pm

The Beach Bar at the Moana Surfrider 922-3111

Live Contemporary Hawaiian
 Dave Watanabe 5-9pm

The Deck at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel 931-4488

Latin/Electronic/ Dance
 DJ Marc Thyssen 11am-3pm

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI

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 Ellsworth & Friends 3 - 5pm
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Tanaka Ramen & Izakaya has opened a third outlet, this time at Pearlridge Center with special items created exclusively for that location including the Tanaka Garlic Volcano Ramen that has a pork broth that's has level two spiciness with bean sprouts, green onions, fresh garlic, black garlic oil, a spicy, seasoned egg, Korean powder and served with thick noodles (\$18.50), Clam Chowder Croquettes, made with a house-made clam chowder and served with traditional tonkatsu sauce (\$8.50) and Tako Wasabi (\$5.50). Open from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily. 888-2615. • **Chef Chai Chaowasaree** is opening a new restaurant in the spot the spot formerly occupied by Spada Bar & Restaurant at the Courtyard by Marriott Waikiki Beach. Called **KALO: Hawaiian Food by Chai's**, the restaurant will offer such staples as kalua pig, beef stew, short-rib pipikaula, lau lau, ahi limu poke, chicken long rice, salt-and-pepper Kauai prawns, Hawaiian-style barbecue chicken, squid luau, and of course, kalo. Items can be ordered a la carte, family-style, or as one of three set combo menus. Prices range from \$5 for a side of poi to \$18 for lau lau and \$25-\$35 for the combo plates. Open for breakfast from 8 - 11 a.m. and dinner from 4 - 10 p.m. daily. 931-6222. • **Deck** has introduced new brunch items to its menu including Eggs Florentine and Avocado Toast for \$16, and Smoked Salmon Rillettes, Catfish Po-Boy, and a Berry Chicken Salad for \$18 to list a few, along with a handful of new brunch-friendly cocktails to choose from every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 931-4488. • **Tropics Bar & Grill** at the Hilton Hawaiian Village reopened last month after being closed for over a year. They are offering breakfast from 7- 10:30 a.m., lunch is served from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and dinner daily from 5 - 9:30 p.m. Please note the restaurant is closed from 2 - 5 p.m. daily. 949-4321. • Speaking of

reopenings, **Azure** also re-opened last month. They currently offering a special four-course set menu for \$110 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 9 p.m. 931-7440. • **Hard Rock Cafe** has added Wednesday evenings to their dine-in service, They are now open Wednesdays & Thursdays from 4 - 9 p.m., Fridays from 4 - 10 p.m., Saturday from 12 - 10 p.m. and Sundays from 12 - 9 p.m. They have also brought back live music on Friday and Saturday nights. 955-7383. • **Tiki's Grill & Bar** has announced that after months of running on a limited menu, they are bringing some of their most popular items back to the menu, including some of my personal favorites, the Calamari Katsu (\$17) and the Prime Rib Poke (\$15), as well as their Island Watermelon Salad (\$15). Chef Ronnie has also added some new items to the menu including a Smoked Marlin Dip (\$14), Crispy Brussel Sprouts (\$10), Charred Ahi Tuna Tataki (\$18), Teppanyaki Pacific Pink Snapper (\$15), and a 14oz Pulehu NY Steak (\$35). 923-8454. • **SHOR at the Hyatt** has added a new family-style menu to their breakfast selection available for \$29 per person from 7 - 10 a.m. as well as a new a la carte dinner menu. 923-1234. • A new Italian bistro has opened in the former Formaggio space in Market City. **Mezzo Bistro Hawaii** offers a menu of traditional Italian flavors fused with the flavors of Hawaii. Initial reports say the escargot (\$14.95), the Pork Meatballs with kale and artichoke hearts (\$14.95) and the crispy pork belly special were the highlights. Open for dinner daily from 5 - 9 p.m. 888-3500. • There are also two new Indian restaurants in town to announce. **Spice Up, House of Indian Cuisine** moved into the former Choi's location on King Street. Offering Indian, Himalayan & Nepalese and cuisine, it's open for lunch from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., and dinner from 5 - 9 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. 784-0338. • Looks like I missed the opening of **Sarithra South Indian Restaurant** last summer across from the Convention Center in the old Izakaya Mai spot. Reviews are all over the place for this one, but one thing they agree on is their dosas are fantastic. The restaurant also houses a large Indian grocery inside selling specialty items imported from India, grains, ghees, frozen foods fresh vegetables, and more. 5 - 9 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday. 226-9672.

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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.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS WBW FARMERS MARKET

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

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.

FIRST FRIDAY (JUNE 4) 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.

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.

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. hbf.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.

FIRST SUNDAY (JUNE 6) NA KŪPUNA NIGHTS

The Hyatt Regency Waikiki celebrates Hawaii's elders the first Sunday of each month with Na Kūpuna Nights at the Na Lea Terrace on the 3rd Floor. Featuring live Hawaiian music, Hawaiian arts and crafts, and food. Emceed by Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning singer, Kū'uiop Kumukahi. \$50. 5 - 7 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 (JUNE 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.

JUNE 4 - 6 HSO'S STARLIGHT SERIES "FULLMETAL"

Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra's in-person concerts return with an outdoor summer concert series. The Sheraton Starlight Series will feature eight weeks of outdoor performances at the Waikiki Shell, featuring musical arrangements by Hawai'i-born award-winning composer Michael-Thomas Foumai. This weekend, enjoy his arrangement inspired by the popular anime series "Fullmetal Alchemist" featuring the vocals of Raiatea Helm and Kanoë Miller dancing hula. Limited tickets available at myhso.org.

JUNE 5 • JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

808 Craft and Gift Fairs does a monthly craft fair at the Japanese Cultural Center. Featuring a variety of craft & antique vendors that specialize in Japanese/Japanese-themed products. You'll find accessories, clothing, decorative items, food trucks & more. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. joch.com.

JUNE 5 - 6 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.

JUNE 10 - 12 HENRY KAPONO: THE SONGS OF C&K

Celebrate the beloved music of Cecilio and Kapono as Henry plays some of the bands most popular songs with special guests, Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winners; Alx Kawakami and Johnny Valentine. Two shows nightly. 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$45. Livestream tickets for \$25 also available. bluenotehawaii.com.

JUNE 10-20 EAT.DRINK.FILM

(Virtual) In a re-imagined 2021 Spring Showcase edition, the Hawai'i International Film Festival is expanding their annual spring programming into a HIFF Showcase Series season with 4 unique mini-festivals. This month explore with

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JUNE 11 COCONUT FROND WEAVING

The Honolulu Museum of Art has re-opened and is allowing guests to participate in their pop-up installation, Regrow, part of the museum-wide "Joyful Return" exhibition. Located in Kīna'u Courtyard, Regrow is a community greenspace with a hanging garden, coconut planters, and more. Learn the basics of weaving with coconut leaves from Visayan and Chamorro traditions. Participants create a small woven piece to take home. Access included with museum admission of \$20. All kids 18 years and under, free. Limited slots at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. honoluluuseum.org.

JUNE 11 KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY



Well, COVID has canceled much of the celebration we are used to. Just to confirm, both the ho'olaule'a parade and the parade have been canceled. The committee is working on creating a drive-in movie event in Kapolei, but at press time that is not confirmed, so keep your ears open. The lei draping will be conducted in a

private format, but be sure to tell your guests to go past the statue as it is always a sight to behold and makes for great photo ops. For updates head to hawaii.com/kamehamehaday.

JUNE 11-13 CELEBRATE WORLD OCEANS DAY

Visitors and locals are invited to Celebrate World Oceans Day at Sea Life Park through a three-day event, featuring colorful photo ops and live music selections from producer/songwriter Johnson Enos' beloved "Honu by the Sea" musical. Guests will be invited to imagine a wonderous sea, free from ocean debris - and provided resources and information on ways to help realize this vision. A variety of giveaways, arts and crafts, and educational activities will be provided onsite, as well as displays celebrating both surfing and ocean navigation. Festivities included with admission. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. sealifeparkhawaii.com.

JUNE 11 - 13 • HSO'S STARLIGHT SERIES "MUSIC FROM THE CASTLE OF HEAVEN"

Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra's summer concert series continues featuring musical arrangements by Hawai'i-born composer Michael-Thomas Foumai. "Music from the Castle of Heaven" was inspired by the title of book about the music of Bach. This program also features a concerto performed by the of HSO's "Young Stars" winner. Waikiki Shell. Tickets at myhso.org.

JUNE 13 UKULELE FEST INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

(Virtual) The Ukulele Festival Hawaii is celebrating its 51st year with virtual mini-festivals ahead of next month's anniversary. Enjoy performances from professional ukulele players from around the world such as Japan's Fulare_Pad, Korea's Blues Lee & Vivian Kim, Brazil's Vinicius Vivas and

Mexico's Eduardo Gracia. 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The event is free and will stream live on their official YouTube. youtube.com/RoySakumaProductions.

JUNE 17 FATHERS DAY STARGAZING SHOW

Take a guided tour of the constellations with Stargazers of Hawaii on the top level of the center's parking garage. A local astronomer with more than 20 years of experience will navigate guests through the night sky through the lens of a large telescope as you view the moon, star clusters, galaxies, the Big Dipper, and more. Attendees may bring chairs and beverages, but alcohol and outside food aren't allowed. 7:45-9:45 p.m. Reservations required, as tickets are limited. shopinternationalmarketplace.com.

JUNE 18-20 WAYNE BRADY



Wayne Brady was one of the last shows to sell out at Blue Note Hawaii before the pandemic closed everything down, but he's back to sing songs from his old record, new releases, "The Masked Singer" and standards. Two shows nightly Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and 9 p.m., Sunday at 5 and 7:30 p.m. \$55 - \$65. bluenotehawaii.com.

JUNE 19 FATHERS DAY GIFT FAIR

Shop through dozens of vendors and find the

right gift for your dad or loved ones. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ka Makana Alii. islandcraftfairs.org.

JUNE 25-26 HANNIBAL BURESS

Blue Note Comedy Series continues with the prolific comedian, writer, podcast host and actor, Hannibal Bures. Two shows nightly .Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and 9 p.m., and at 5 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. \$45 - \$55. bluenotehawaii.com.

JUNE 26-27 MADE WITH ALOHA GIFT FAIR

Browse through local vendors at center court and along the corridor from the main entrance to the former Sears Store from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pearlridge Center, Wai Makai. islandcraftfairs.org

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Next month brings a unique multimedia experience to the islands uses cutting-edge projection technology. Beyond Van Gogh breathes new life into Van Gogh's vast body of work. Using the artist's own dreams, thoughts, and words to drive the experience as a narrative, guests move along projection-swathed walls wrapped in light and color that swirls, dances, and refocuses into flowers, cafes, and landscapes. This immersive experience features more than 300 of Vincent Van Gogh's artworks and takes the art lover into a three-dimensional world. Tickets just went on sale, so be sure to reserve yours soon. vangogh-honolulu.com.

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Farmer's Markets offer Fresh Alternatives for Shopping

'Iolani Palace goes Digital



The Haleiwa Farmers Market is held in a covered pavilion at Waimea Valley. Photos by Melissa Chang.

Hawaii's farmers markets have always been a huge draw for locals and visitors alike, but you may have noticed that they exploded in popularity during 2020.

People have become more acutely aware of the need to support local businesses, and the opportunity to do so in the healthier open-air markets while getting some Vitamin D from the constant sunshine made them ideal spots for a weekly outing.

Now that more people are vaccinated and visitors are returning, you'll find the markets are bigger than ever, with more and unique vendors.

You'll still find your favorite farmers — while you can pick and choose your produce at the market, you now also have an option to order ahead, whether it's for curbside pickup or their weekly "farmer's choice" boxes.

Some farms that have become known for their weekly boxes and pre-orders include **Fields of Aloha, Kahumana Organic Farms, Ahiki Acres** and **Ma'o Organic Farms**.

One farmer in particular offers items that visitors can take home as a delicious souvenir: **Laie Vanilla Company** grows vanilla beans on Oahu's north shore, so you can purchase whole vanilla beans or their homemade vanilla extract. Residents have an option to buy their vanilla orchids to grow at home.



You'll also find artisans who make their products with local ingredients from their farmer neighbors, like **Oahu Organics**, which makes a full line of high-quality skincare, and **Malama Soaps**, which specializes in soaps and scrubs.

One of the best things about farmer's markets, however, is the fresh food, made to order using market ingredients. The longest line is for **Omao Man** smoothies at the Ward and Kailua markets; they offer green smoothies made with nine vegetables and fruits, with no added sugar. For something a bit more indulgent, try **Journey's** homemade breakfast burgers and fries or **Fatto a Mano's** hand-tossed pizzas.

With the warmer summer months coming, cool off with **Niu Soft Serve's** vegan desserts (available at all Farm Lover's Markets) or **Pop Culture Artisan Pops** (available at Pearlridge on Saturdays).

These are some of my favorite markets around Oahu with the most local vendors:

Farm Lovers Markets

farmloversmarkets.com

Waimea Valley (59-864 Kamehameha Hwy)

Thursday 2 to 6 p.m.

Pearlridge (Mauka by Macy's facing Moanalua Road)

Kaka'ako (210 Ward Ave and 919 Ala Moana Blvd)

Saturday 8 a.m. to noon

Kailua (120 Hekili Street)

Sunday 8 a.m. to noon

Hawaii Farm Bureau

hfbf.org/farmers-markets

Blaisdell Center (777 Ward Avenue)

Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m.

Kailua Town Center (609 Kailua Road)

Thursday 4 to 7 p.m.

KCC (4303 Diamond Head Road)

Saturday 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Mililani High School (95-1200 Meheula Parkway)

Sunday 8 to 11 a.m.

Market at Ka Makana Alii

www.kamakanaalii.com/event

Center Court (91-5431 Kapolei Parkway)

Wednesdays 3 to 7 p.m.

Sundays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WBW Farmers Market

waikikibeachwalk.com

Waikiki Beach Walk (227 Lewers Street)

Monday & Wednesday 4 to 8 p.m.

~ Melissa Chang

'Iolani Palace partnered with Google to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Month last month by offering over 100 cultural resources from Iolani Palace that can now be viewed on Google Arts & Culture by people around the world. Thanks to this new virtual exhibition, users will be able to see Hawaiian Kingdom Royal Orders, handwritten letters by the monarchs, and many other treasures of the Palace in just a few clicks.

"We often herald King Kalakaua as an 'early-adopter' of technology, as he was among the first to embrace electric lights and innovations like the telephone, this partnership with Google Arts & Culture is certainly in the same spirit," said Paula Akana, Executive Director of The Friends of Iolani Palace. "While nothing replaces an in-person visit to the Palace, this new online resource allows people to connect with the Palace in a fresh way."

Viewers can now get up close with ultra-high resolution so that letters in Kalakaua's handwriting can now be viewed in never-before-seen definition thanks to Gigapixel technology, a powerful photo capturing process which has enabled the highest ever resolution image of this feature. Viewers can explore these items in extraordinary detail and experience it far beyond what is visible to the naked eye, as they see the King's elegant penmanship.

A specially curated virtual exhibit of King Kalakaua's 1881 World Tour has been developed for the online visitors. The digital exhibition tells the story of the King's historic trip as the first head of state to circumnavigate the globe and highlights his stops in San Francisco, Japan, China, and across Europe, as well as his visit with Queen Victoria in England.

Some items of interest in the online exhibition include:

- The Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Hawaii's most prestigious order.
- A handwritten letter from King Kalakaua to his sister, Princess Liliuokalani, with a sketch of a lighthouse he saw as he sailed across the Red Sea.
- The Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George bestowed upon Kalakaua by Queen Victoria; the royal order was reserved only for sovereigns.

"Google is proud to partner with Iolani Palace to share their cultural treasures with a global audience," said Simon Delacroix, US Lead, Google Arts & Culture. "We're thrilled to honor Asian American cultures by ensuring everyone can experience the majesty of Iolani Palace at one virtual destination."

To see these amazing artifacts utilizing this new technology go to artsandculture.google.com/partner/iolani-palace.

~ Pam

Reopening Updates

More and more places are opening and expanding hours. Here's a quick overview of some of the latest updates...

Aha'aina Luau Reopens

The Royal Hawaiian has reopened 'Aha'aina, A Royal Celebration on May 17th. The luau will be offered every Monday and Thursday evening on the lawn next to the Mai Tai Bar at 5 p.m. Tables currently range in size from 2 to 10 people from the same party/household. A three course dinner will be served to you at your table. For information email centraldiningreservations@pleasant.net or call 921-4600.

Azure Reopens for Dinner

Azure at the Royal Hawaiian has finally reopened their doors and is offering diners a four-course menu for \$110 on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 5:30 - 9 p.m. 921-4600. azurewaikiki.com.

Honolulu Museum of Art

HoMA is open with limited entry, timed ticketing, and the option to reserve tickets in advance. The Museum opens Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Free admission is offered to kama'aina every Friday evening from 4-9 p.m. and the 3rd Sunday of each month. HoMA Café is now open for lunch, dinner on Friday, and Saturdays and brunch on Sundays. Enjoy live music on Friday evenings. Reservations recommended at 532-8734 (for brunch and lunch only, reservations aren't accepted in the evenings). honoluluuseum.org.

Honolulu Zoo Twilight Tours

The Honolulu Zoo has resumed their after-hours Twilight Tours on Saturday evenings. Guest will enjoy a 2-hour tour with an up close and personal look at the Zoo that they would never see during the day. honoluluzeo.org.

Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra Returns to the Stage

After 14 months without performing, intermission has finally come to a close and guests may safely return to their seats as the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra returns with the stage with the Sheraton Starlight Series. Enjoy eight weeks of outdoor performances at the Waikiki Shell featuring a variety of performances arranged by Hawai'i-born composer Michael-Thomas Foumai, whose music focuses on the people, culture, history, and storytelling of his home. Only 200 tickets per show. myhso.org.

Lucky Strike Reopened

Lucky Strike reopened over a month ago with plenty of new regulations in place to keep everyone safe and the place completely sanitized. Now open Thursdays from 4 p.m. - 12 a.m., Friday and Saturday from noon to midnight, and Sundays from noon to 10 p.m. In a sharp departure from every other location in town, they do not take reservations. luckystrikeent.com/locations/honolulu.

Regal Cinemas Reopen

Although they started opening select screens across the country over the summer, and Consolidated Theatres began reopening their theatres here at the same time, Regal Cinemas has held off opening Hawaii theatres until now. Now, 7 months later, Regal has reopened all local theatres. regmovies.com/theatres.

Royal Hawaiian Center extends Hours

The Royal Hawaiian Center has expanded its operating hours from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Keep in mind, some individual merchants may open earlier and close later. royalhawaiiancenter.com.

Starlight Luau Expands Nights

The Hilton Hawaiian Village has added more nights to their Waikiki Starlight Luau, now offering guests a chance to attend the festivities on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 5 p.m. The luau is held on the Great Lawn next to the Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon in order to ensure everyone is spread out in an open-air environment. Call 949-4321 or go to hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/luau.

The Beachhouse Continues its reopening at the Moana

The Beachhouse at the Moana reopened in March two nights a week with a limited menu, but with visitor numbers on the rise, it is now open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 5 - 9 p.m. The restaurant currently serves a three- or four-course menu for (\$95 and \$115 respectively). 921-4600.

The Veranda relaunches Tea

The Veranda has restarted their afternoon tea service from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. 921-4600.

Tropics has Reopened

Tropics Bar & Grill at the Hilton Hawaiian Village reopened last month for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The restaurant will be closed from 2 - 5 p.m. daily. 952-5960.

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Furthermore, HB200 moves HTA's effective and highly capable Tourism Research Division out of HTA and into the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, reducing HTA's staff count from 32 to 25. This will directly impact the critical data analysis and studies that many of you rely on.

We sincerely appreciate those of you who reached out to lawmakers to express your support for HTA. These cuts to HTA, including a drastic budget reduction, come in the middle of our Destination Management Action Plan process, through which we have been collaborating with leaders and residents throughout the state.

Now more than ever, we remain focused on identifying new approaches and creatively exploring opportunities in the emerging future landscape, with the mindset of Mālama Hawai'i at the heart of it all. To take care of our close-knit communities and redefine tourism's role in environmental regeneration and stewardship throughout the islands, is the beacon of promise and way forward for Hawai'i's visitor industry.

You are providing the critical foundation upon which to rebuild Hawai'i's economic recovery, with Hawai'i's hospitality industry as the lead driver and catalyst for economic diversification. There is much work to be done and incredible challenges ahead, but we will get there by working together and supporting one another.

Mālama pono,

John De Fries,

President & CEO, Hawai'i Tourism Authority

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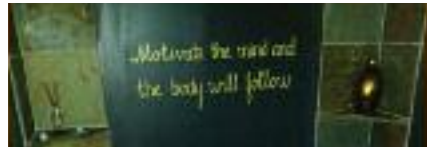
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