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The Moana celebrates 115 years as The First Lady of Waikiki

March 11. 1901 Britain rejected an amended treaty to the canal agreewith ment Nicaragua; U.S. Steel when formed JP Morgan purchased the Carnegie Steel Corp, making Andrew Carnegie the richest man in



the world; and the doors of the Moana Surfrider Hotel in Waikiki first opened.

In the late 1800's, Waikiki was nothing but a bunch of swaps, taro fields and mosquito-ridden duck ponds. Hawaiian royalty and wealthy businessmen had houses there, there was horse-drawn train that went right through it, and there was a 300-foot pier that jutted out into the ocean, which was a popular spot for many locals and visitors, but overall Waikiki was considered too far away, being three-miles from the center of Honolulu, especially given there was really no available accommodations in the area. There was a lodging house down at Sans Souci, a handful of small bungalows built in 1884, but nothing closer.

Believe it or not, because of its distance to the center of town and all of the swampland, investors weren't interested in investing in the area at all.

Walter Chamberlain Peacock, a wealthy landowner originally from England changed that. He proposed building the first hotel in 1896 and commissioned architect Oliver Traphagen to draw up plans for a hotel. After several delays and changes, construction finally began in September 1989, as The Lucas Brothers, the same people responsible for building Iolani Palace, signed on to be the primary contractors. \$150,000 and less than 2 years later, the Moana was the first luxurytrade hotel to open in the islands. The four-story, 75-room building had the first elevator in the Territory and each guest room had a telephone and a private bath, luxuries unheard of beforehand. It was and still is the only resort in Hawaii that reflects the Beaux-arts design of the early 1900's.

The Moana quickly became the center of

Waikiki and its growing popularity in the early 1900's as a tourist destination. In 1907, the government launched the "Waikiki Reclamation Commission", and began developing the area, creating wider streets, building bridges and draining

duck ponds and taro patches that had made up most of the area.

Our tourist industry kept growing and the hotel built on two more floors and the "wings" on either side of the building in 1918 to help accommodate all the people now streaming into the islands. The need grew even more once a dramatic redevelopment of the area began in 1920. The rest of the wetlands were declared a health hazard and drained and the land was then subdivided into 5,000 sq. foot lots turning Waikiki into a suburb, with the Moana at the heart of it.

Waikiki had already become a well known visitor destination, but in July 1935, the words "From the Banyan Court of the Moana Hotel overlooking bee-yoo-tiful Waikiki Beach... it's Hawaii Calls" were first broadcast to 20 radio stations on the west coast via shortwave radio and the rest is history. Broadcast weekly, Hawaii Calls ran for 40 years, with upwards of 750 stations tuning in during its heyday, helping to cement the immense popularity of the "First Lady of Waikiki."

The popularity doesn't end with the visitors. It carries over to the employees as well. Out of the current staff of 685 people that work at the Moana Surfrider, over 200 of them have been employed there more than 20+years! That's nearly 30%! Some

Tomoko Kigasawa have been working there for close to 40 years! Many of you may be familiar with one of those long-term employees. Tomoko Kigasawa, a concierge that first started in 1992

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One of the floats in last year's parade down Kalakaua. Photos in this story courtesy of the Honolulu Festival Foundation

For the past 20 plus years, the Honolulu Festival has served to share the many different cultures of our neighbors in the Pacific region and promote the understanding, economic cooperation and ethnic harmony between the people of Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. This cultural celebration has grown to become one of our premier cultural events drawing thousands to our island, and besides, who doesn't love a parade and fireworks?

The three-day extravaganza occurs every March, and will take place this year from March 11-13. All events except for the opening evening's Friendship Gala are free and open to the public and will be held in locations throughout Waikiki, at the Hawaii Convention Center and at Centerstage at Ala Moana

New to the Festival this year is the first ever participant from Europe. The Group Sbandieratori e Musici Faenza will be showcasing the Italian sport of Flag Throwing. Having won more than 30 championship titles in Italy in this ancient medieval sport, they have performed all over the world. Twenty performers will be in town, dressed in their medieval uniforms and accompanied by drums and trumpets, showcasing the sport in single, couples, small teams and large teams. They will be performing on Sunday March 12th at the Convention Center, Ala Moana and will be walking in the parade if you would like to see them.

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Publisher's Letter

Spring Forward ... the festivals have returned

Holy March! How did that happen? Looks like time is going to keep on flying by as fast as it did last year. The first festival of the season is already upon us. Crazy. Another crazy thing will be trying to drive through Waikiki this month. If I counted correctly, Kalakaua will be closed 5 times this month for parades and block parties, and that doesn't include two running events that could shut down parts of the road as well. As a result of all these shutdowns and the implications it has on our traffic, people have been complaining and the city has rescinded Millwood Ohana Productions permit to hold 11 Waikiki Block Parties this year. So, if you have been enjoying their family friendly events, be sure to make the last approved one that will be held on March 5th. After that, all of their future events are cancelled until further notice and they review their. Personally, I hope they approve a few more. These are fun events that everyone enjoys, but maybe skip the months where we already have a bunch of street closures due to parades.

The year is definitely getting back into the swing of things as we have a few FAMs set up the first two weeks of March. Save the dates of March 9th and March 14th. Seat counts aren't set yet -- but as soon as they are, I'll be shipping the invites out to you. As always, I will do my best to accommodate as many of you as possible within the confines of the event parameters. Every one is different so bear with me, but always feel free to reach out with questions, especially if you haven't heard from me in the past 6 months. Remember, I had a huge email crash and never did rebuild the file, so I have been winging it on webmail ever since. Hence the please email the right address emails some of you have been receiving. Remember, if you are rsvping for an event those replies must go to rsvp@oahuconcierge.com. Why? Because that's where the rsvp folders and email lists are, and that's all that is there – so anything else, mailing list updates, releases, questions, etc. – needs to be sent to publisher@oahuconcierge.com, or I simply won't see it until it's time to log back into the rsvp account for another event. Someone missed out on a few seats at our Mahalo Party by using the wrong email address a few months ago even after i told him. Sorry guys, but until I fix this, I'm stuck using web-based email systems right now and everything is filed into that emails addresses folders or lost instantly. Believe me I miss my catchall account, but I never did find out how to fix the issue or find a replacement, so this is how it is these days.

Lastly, thank you for your patience with my website. I know the subscribe button and the forum haven't been working in some time. My web designer moved to Vegas, and I didn't know how to fix it, so it's just been sitting there for a while. Well no longer. We are halfway through revamping a brand new website for you. Gone will be the forum, the log in sections and all that flash, so this new site will be open to all - and apparently mobile friendly!! (So they tell me). If there is anything you would like to see on the site, please let me know. Your input is not only valued, but welcome. We're rebuilding from scratch, so now's the time to let us know and I'll let you know when it's up and ready to go!



Congratulations to Hilton Grand Vacations Lois Shimada for being selected for the 2015 CEO Light & Warmth Award. This is Hilton's highest award and recognizes exceptional Team Members within the entire organization. Only 12 associates are selected for this honor from over 1,000

nominations from around the world, and she was one of them. Shimada was also recently promoted to the Director of Marketing position, so she is very much on a roll these days. • Congratulations also go out to Dara Lum. Dara recently left her position as the Communications Director of the Halekulani

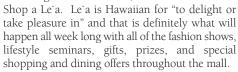
Corporation to take on the Director of Public Relations responsibilities for *The Kahala Hotel & Resort*.

• Marjella Undine Homena Lasater has been appointed director of sales for the DoubleTree by Hilton Alana Waikiki Beach. She will be responsible for overall leadership of the sales and catering & events departments, focusing on leisure, group sales and catering. Lasater has more than 15 years of sales, mostly in Manil, but most recently with the Marriott in Anchorage Alaska. • Lastly this month, Captain Chuck Jones, USN (retired) has joined the Board of Directors of the Battleship Missouri Memorial Association. The Association oversees the mission to preserve the Battleship Missouri and share her story and place in history.

Rashionista's Unite!

ALA MOANA CENTER

Our own island fashion extravaganza returns this spring with even more specials and discounts to delight those shopping enthusiasts! For the ninth year in a row, Ala Moana Center comes to life with its weeklong fashion event,



From March 14 through March 20 shopaholics will be flocking to the world's largest open-air mall for a multitude of events, specials, demos, gifts and more, celebrating the world of fashion and shopping. Even your fashion-challenged guests in need of a little something to wear or some omiyage to take home will be able to find the perfect outfit or a household necessity, and Shop a Le'a offers your guests the perfect time to buy, with over 100 discounts, gifts with purchase, new product launches and in-store events. Along with these great deals, participating stores will offer their own events, trunk shows, and celebrity guest appearances. As a special reward for shoppers during the extravaganza, an exclusive gift-withpurchase will be offered that week for anyone who has spent \$300 or more. Just present your receipts dated March 14-20 to receive a Shop a Le'a tote designed by Ted Baker London. This limited edition tote is only available while supplies last during this fashion event and may be claimed at Ala Moana Center's Guest Services location during that week (one item per person).

In addition to shopping specials and events, Centerstage will be buzzing all week long, with live entertainment and fashion shows. The Ala Moana Hula Show will take place Monday through Friday at 1 p.m., with EMKE performing at 6 on Monday and Sunway on Tuesday. Ivivva kicks off the fashion shows at 6 p.m. on Wednesday with Reyn Spooner taking the stage on Thursday. Things really heat up on Saturday, March 19th, with a new fashion show taking the stage every hour on the hour between 12 noon - 5 p.m., and then again on

Sunday from 12 - 3 p.m.

When your guests are out shopping, remind them to keep an eye out for places to enter this year's Seattle Sweepstakes. The winner will receive round trip airfare for two between

Honolulu and Seattle, courtesy of Alaska Airlines, three-night accommodations for two at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel and dinner for two at Loulay Kitchen & Bar. Shoppers can submit their entry form all week long. An entry box will be located on Mall Level 2 near Louis Vuitton or on Facebook at Facebook.com/AlaMoanaCenter. No purchase necessary. Limit one entry per person.

As a reminder, Shop a Le'a's only luxury event will be taking place on Friday, March 18th from 6 – 9 p.m. Passport to Luxury is presented by Modern Luxury Magazine and is by invitation only. Your guests that are at all the mall that evening will still be able to enjoy some of the festivities from afar and perhaps a glass of champagne of two if they get lucky, as not all participating stores limit entry to invitees only. That being said kindly remind them to be understanding if a particular store doesn't let them in, as it is a private event.

Last but not least, to all you readers out there, help women look their best as they re-enter the workforce by donating your unworn or gently used clothing, shoes, accessories or unused cosmetics to Dress for Success Honolulu. Most merchants acting as collection sites will offer special discounts and offers to shoppers who provide a donation. Participating retailers include Cole Haan, Hallmark, Maui Divers Jewelry, LeSportsac, Sephora and Tapestries by Hauoli.

While there are simply far too many deals to list here, be sure to check online for a complete listing of each of the stores individual offers or swing by the mall to learn about the dozens of events, gifts, trunk shows, and in-store specials that are being planned throughout the Center. Now that the new Ewa Wing is open, the opportunities are endless. For all of the juicy details and a full schedule of events, including entertainers and fashion show participants, visit alamoanacenter.com. ~ Pam

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BLUE NOTE GOSPEL BRUNCH

Blue Note Hawaii has launched a weekly gospel brunch starting on Easter Sunday March 27th. Blue Note has hand selected an elite group of international musicians who now live in Hawaii to form their Gospel Choir. Each Sunday, the doors will open at 11 a.m. where a brunch will be served including a choice of Bloody Mary, Mimosa, Wine, Beer, Orange Juice, or Guava Juice. The meal includes a fresh fruit medley plus a choice of one entrée including Pineapple Upside Down Pancake, Sweet Bread French Toast, Kalua Pig Hash with Eggs, Crab Cake Eggs Benedict, Fried Rice Loco Moco or Chef's Special Three Egg Omelets for \$47. Show starts at 1 p.m. bluenotehawaii.com.

ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER OFFERS VALET PARKING

Parking just got easier at the Royal Hawaiian Center with the introdution of valet parking last month. Drivers simply need to drive up to the the former loading zone area off of Don Ho street and across from the Sheraton parking garage, and valets will be on hand from 5 - 11 p.m. daily. No validation will be needed. The cost to valet your vehicle will be a flat \$15. royalhawaiiancenter.com

CHARTER THE VIDA MIA



Some of you out there may remember this beautiful 61-foot wooden yacht built back in 1929. Others may be learning about

her for the first time. She first came to Hawaii in 1963 and spent about many years leisurely floating off the shores of Waikiki, her decks filled with politicians, celebrities and VIPS. The stories she could tell. Sadly she started to disintegrate and was tucked away for years. Now, after an extensive restoration, she is again available for charters and everyone can enjoy a unique, private experience at sea on this historic vessel. Call 864-1101, email info@thevidamia.com or go to thevidamia.com.

JAPANESE CHEESECAKE

Uncle Tetsu Japanese Cheesecake is opening its first bakery in the United States this month at Royal Hawaiian Center. The first Uncle Tetsu opened over 25 years ago in Japan. In addition to its iconic Japanese cheesecakes, it will also offer Asian-inspired beverages, and exclusive Hawaii offerings such as the Coconut Madeline and the Hawaiian Coffee Cheesecake. The new bakery will be located on the Ewa side of the Paina Food Court on Level 2 in Building B. royalhawaiiancenter.com

MANAGEMENT CHANGES FOR SHORELINE AND COCONUT

Filament Hospitality, a rapidly growing San Francisco-based hospitality management company, is taking over management of both the 135-room Shoreline Hotel Waikiki and 81-room Coconut Waikiki Hotel. Both hotels were previously managed by Joie de Vivre Hotels.

SEA LIFE PARK KEIKI SUNDAYS

Sea Life Park is launching a new quarterly event called Keiki Sundays with a different theme and varying activities each time. The inaugural event will be held on March 6th and celebrate both marine life and our feathered friends in Bird Rock! There will be bird-related arts, crafts, and activities as well as live entertainment, face painting and more. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The next event will take place in June. Each paying adult may bring in two keiki aged 3 -12 years for free. Adult admission is \$38.99. Kama'aina rates are available. 259-2500.



BISHOP MUSEUM FOREST BIRDS

The Hawaiian Islands are home to a number of native bird species found nowhere else on earth.

Bishop Museum's latest exhibit, Lele O Na Manu: Hawaiian Forest Birds, takes visitors through the science and cultural significance of these beautiful creatures in an attempt to educate the public about the native Hawaiian forest birds, their history, and preeminence in Hawaiian culture. The exhibit will be on display March 19 - July 31, 2016. bishopmusem.org.







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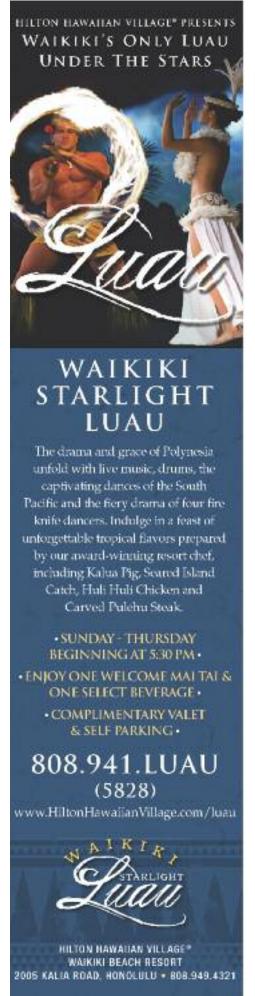
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In the real world, March is about St. Patrick's Day, the NCAA Tournament aka "March Madness" and the beginning of spring, but in the world of the Honolulu theatrical scene, this March is all about people

named Jones, the debut of an ukulele gymnast, four boys pretending to be from Jersey, a slave match-maker wanting his freedom and a legendary tale of a mythical king. All of the above set to music except for the Jones.

I'm am sure every concierge has heard of the phrase "Keeping up with the Jones" ("Keeping up with the Watanabe's" for our Japanese colleagues) but the reality of that phrase is that the grass is never greener on the other side and in the play The Realistic Jones by Will Enos, which is currently running at THE ACTOR'S GROUP (TAG) through March 20th, the grass is pretty much brown. The play is set in a smallish town not far from some mountains and the plot revolves around these two couples getting to know each other and the secrets they share. There is a great deal of humor on the verge of tears in the unhappiness of their lives. TAG continues to fill its distinctive niche by staging plays such as this one which never would be seen in Honolulu. There is a 7:30 p.m. show Thursdays through Saturday and a 2 p.m. curtain on Sundays. Tickets are \$25 with a \$5 discount for seniors over 62 and a \$10 discount for students and military. To make reservations call 722-6941 and your guests can pay at the door.

There will be a lot of old ladies screaming at the stage door of the HAWAII THEATRE CENTER after The Midtown Men appear on March 19th at 7:30 p.m. and March 20th at 4 p.m. Who are The Midtown Men you may ask? They are original cast members of the Broadway hit Jersey Boys who have created a show that pays tribute to the likes of The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Four Seasons, Motown and every other men's group from the The cast includes Tony Award winner Christian Hoff, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard and Tony Award nominee J. Robert Spencer. This concert is perfect for your Baby Boomer guests who have no shame dancing in the aisles. Some of the songs featured will be "Can't Buy Me Love," "Up on the Roof," (which is a great karaoke song to do at Karaoke Hut), and "Candy Girl," VIP tickets are \$97 and include parking, 1 drink, 1 CD, a signed poster and a meet & greet with the stars. Other tickets are \$67, \$47, and \$37 and can be purchased at HawaiiTheatre.com or at 528-0506.

While you're on the phone with the box office ask if there are any tickets left for *Taimane: A Musical and Theatrical Odyssey – The Elements* on March 25th at 8 p.m. As you may already guessed the Taimane in the title is ululele virtuoso, Taimane Garder, who played for several *Oahu Concierge* events back in the day. This production marks her debut at the historic **HAWAII THEATRE CENTER**. This performance is more than just a concert. Taimane has created a story that is told through music, dance and narration with the help of wide range of local artists including Samadhi Hawaii, Kealoha, Kalalea, Hawaii contemporary dancers and the Shaolin Arts Society. Tickets for this one-

night only production are \$75, \$45, \$35, and \$20.

What can you buy for \$20 in ancient Rome? Well, with an advantageous exchange rate and a time machine, you could buy a young slave who just might help you hook up with the girl or boy of your dreams without having to register with Match.com or Tinder. This is 'almost' the plot of MANOA VALLEY THEATRE'S production of the musical comedy A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. The original Broadway production opened in 1962 with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. It has had several incarnations of the years with Zero Mostel, Nathan Lane and even Whoopi Goldberg in the lead role of Pseudolus the slave who attempts to win his freedom by helping his young master woo the girl next door. This fun musical farce opens on March 17th and runs through April 3rd. Tickets are \$39 for adults and \$34 for seniors and military with performance on Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. Call 988-6131 to purchase tickets. The show has the energy and timing of an old vaudeville production and some of your guests may be familiar with the opening number "Comedy Tonight" which opens with the lines, "something familiar, something peculiar, something for everyone: A comedy tonight!" And if they don't - I suggest you sing it every day in the lobby of your hotel until someone passing by does!

Now if Stephen Sondheim lyrics are not to your guest's liking then perhaps a song from a musical by lyricist Alan Jay Lerner and composer Frederick Loewe of My Fair Lady fame will work. If your guests are familiar with the Pygmalion musical then I am sure they know of Camelot premiering at **DIAMOND HEAD THEATRE** on March 25th and running through April 10th. Camelot tells the story of King Arthur and his bride Guinevere and the betrayal of his right hand man Sir Lancelot (not to be confused with Lancey Poo the one writing this column). All the highlights of the epic legendary tale are covered in this musical with Merlin the Magician and the Knights of the Round Table. It is a bitter sweet show with memorable numbers such as "I Wonder What the King is Doing Tonight," "If Ever I Would Leave You" and of course, "Camelot." Curtain is 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and 4 p.m. for Saturday Matinees and 3 p.m. Sunday Matinees. Tickets range from \$22 to \$35. Purchase tickets online at DiamondHeadTheatre.com or 733-0277.

Last month I asked readers to name the longest running musical and the correct answer was given by *Tara De Santiago*, Guest Service Representative at **WYNDHAM AT WAIKIKI BEACH WALK!** The winning answer: The Fantasticks which its original off-Broadway run lasted 42 years and 17,162. The current production is at the Jerry Orbach Theater on 50th Street. Congratulations Tara! Where shall we have that tequila shot? Stay tuned for pictures!

I know it's sometimes difficult to get your guests to try things beyond the regular touristy type entertainments, but if you keep singing those tunes in the lobby and sharing my thoughts from this column, we just might fill all those theatre seats and make Honolulu the coolest theatre town in the Pacific.



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Honolulu Festival

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For the very first time, a European Group will fly to the Islands to take part of this Festival. Award-winning Group Sbandieratori e Musici Faenza will be showcasing the ancient Italian sport of Flag Throwing. The Italian group will be performing at the Hawaii Convention Center, the Ala Moana Center Stage and in the Grand Parade on Sunday, March 12

The schedule will be as follows. The Festival kicks off on Friday, March 11th with the Friendship Gala at the Hawaii Convention Center. This is the only paid event of the weekend, and serves as a fundraiser to support various educational and cultural programs in Hawaii. For \$90 a tickets, gala-goers will be able to nosh on bites from the Pig & the Lady, and other such fine restaurants while enjoying performances from many of the groups in town to celebrate the Honolulu Festival.

On Saturday, March 12th, a craft fair will be held at the Convention Center with over one hundred booths open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with free live entertainment from Japan, Hawaii, and more. Participating exhibitors will also offer demonstrations and teach crafts to attendees. As in years past, the fair will also include a Japanesestyle Ennichi corner with kid activities, traditional games, food, and more. This event will continue on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Aloha Dance Convention will be held on Saturday starting from 6:15-8:30 p.m. at the Convention Center. Dancers from all genres will compete in this 2nd annual event after opening acts featuring professional dancers and unique routines from Japan. The Japanese hip-hop group "Hilcrhyme" will perform as part of the Ekiden's Kick Off event.



Throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, there will be live cultural performances across town including

taiko drumming, cultural dances, hula, musical performances, exhibitions and more. Performances will be held by around 140 groups of performers at the Hawaii Convention Center, Centerstage at Ala Moana Center, and also at the Plaza Lawn at Waikiki Beach Walk. In addition to

all of that, things really get busy on Sunday with the Honolulu Rainbow Ekiden at 9 a.m. Teams will consist of 3 to 5 runners. This is a relay race where each runner starts the 3.1-mile course at Kapiolani Park and continues alongside the Diamond Head up before returning to the finish line at the Park. Runners will wear ribbon lei during their turn that they hand to their teammate when they finish before the next runner heads out to complete the same course. After the race, runners and spectators alike are encouraged too stick around in the Park for WaikiKitchen, where several food trucks will be on hand. At press time there were six trucks already signed up including Lanikai Juice, Delice Crepes, Takoyaki Yama-Chan, Samural Grill, The Curry and Ha'a Ha'a.

T h e weekend's festivities will wrap up with the Grand Parade on Sunday from 4:30 to 8 p.m. through



Waikiki. An awe-inspiring processional of music, drums, floats, mikoshi (decorative Japanese floats), and performers will make its way along Kalakaua Avenue from Saratoga Avenue to Kapiolani Park with performances by local high school bands, hula, dance troupes, and special appearances by the Cherry Blossom and Narcissus Queens. Remind your guests that traffic will be restricted during the parade and they shouldn't forget their cameras!

Finally, the Honolulu Festival winds up its 22nd annual event with a spectacular Nagaoka Fireworks show. The city of Nagaoka, Japan is internationally famous for its amazing fireworks displays The Nagaoka Festival Fireworks is one of the three largest fireworks festivals in Japan. Lucky for us, they have been given the honor of closing out the Honolulu Festival for many years, and this one is usually one of the best fireworks shows of the year. The show will light up the skies above Waikiki beginning at 8:30 p.m. and put on one heck of a show for all to enjoy. For more information and a detailed schedule of events, visit their website at honolulufestival.com.





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The Moana turns 115

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spoke about some of the changes she has seen. "The advancement of the technology has been the biggest change for me. When I started twenty-three years ago, we didn't have the Internet. Concierge had to rely on the Yellow Pages and our own Rolodex that we created from our experiences."

Tomoko says that the Internet has changed the guests as well, "Many guests already researched some information online before they arrive. They know a quite a bit ... and their questions are much more detailed. Recently, I'm often asked for directions to many hidden hiking locations."

Most of all however, she says she loves the people she works with most of all. "I love working with my Concierge team. We can depend on each other and we are like a big family. I am very lucky to be a part of Moana Concierge team." Because of that she knew she would stay there forever. She says when she was first hired, the employees welcomed her and assured her that the Moana was the best place to work. "My co-workers always told me that they loved their job. Happiness is very contagious. Twenty-three years later, I still love my work."

Head Houseman Raul Tan couldn't agree more, "I like to connect with our guests and fellow associates. Although we are here to make a living, I enjoy being with our guests and co-workers." He says, "I love it here. Moana is part of my family." The Housekeeping Department hired him back in 1979 as a general cleaner and several promotions and 37 years later, he's still there.

Longevity runs rampant at this hotel. Front Desk Supervisor Mariana Lima started back in 1978 as an on-call food & beverage cashier. She says, "The most enjoyable part is being able to interact with people all over the world and also the friendships I've built here, now have become my 2nd ohana." And as far as working conditions go for the past 35 years? She says, "reporting to work on our beachfront property is icing on the cake."

On March 11th of this year, the hotel celebrates its 115th birthday by offering a series of special events to commemorate this historic occasion, including a very nostalgic concert that reminisces the glory days of Hawaii Calls, and everyone is invited.

Everyone's favorite slack-key virtuoso, Makana, will present a modern-day tribute to Moana's musical past with his own "Hawaii Calls" concert. Joining him onstage will be renowned Island performers Nina Keali'iwahamana, Palani Vaughn, Pomaika'i Lyman and Taimane Gardner. Tickets for this concert will be \$115 and will include a preconcert reception featuring two drinks and pupu from The Beachhouse.

The hotel's new F&B program, LOL: Love of Libations, where you get to be hands on with your mixology, will also get into the act featuring action



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Chef's Corner

The Royal Hawaiian Executive Chef Colin Hazama

Colin Hazama is the Executive Chef, The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort, overseeing the culinary operations and decisions at the hotel, including menu development and managing a staff of 45 associates. He has been with Starwood for years, spending a lot of time at the Sheraton Waikiki and opening Rumfire, before heading over to the St. Regis Princeville to run their Jean-George restaurant. He returned to the Sheraton in 2011 and moved over to the Royal last August.

What is your first childhood food memory?

When I was a kid, my parents took me to John Dominis. I was 6 or 7. They fed me sautéed abalone with butter caper sauce. When I ate it, I had a keen sense of food, and my palate was very keen to taste.

When did you decide you wanted to be a chef?

I was about 13 as a freshman in high school, and because my mother didn't cook, I was always watching cooking shows and the first show that caught my eye was "Great Chefs" (on PBS). After watching those shows, I got inspired to practice cooking. I was also cooking with my grandmothers in the kitchen...they had a big influence in getting me interested in pursuing a career as a chef.

What was your first job in the industry?

I started off as a dishwasher and prep cook at Alan Wong's at the age of 17 during high school, when I'd go part-time and weekends. After that, I became a full-time employee.

Do you remember one of the first dishes you made?

The first dish I made – I used to try to replicate a nori-wrapped ahi katsu, which is a cross between Russell Siu and Alan Wong classic dishes.

Who would you consider your mentor and why?

I have many mentors, but Daniel Delbrel (currently Director of Culinary at Sheraton Waikiki) has been a big inspiration to me in my career. His overall vision and understanding of all the different roles it takes to be an executive chef in a hotel, helped guide me. He knew my strengths, and made me work on my weaknesses to get me to where I am today. He was always great at supporting what I did in terms of my ideas, concepts, and decision making.

How would you describe your style of cooking?

It's a contemporary take on farm-to-table using local ingredients from our islands, with influences from Europe, West Coast and East Coast.

Favorite ingredient you like to work with and why?

Kauai sea salt from Hanapepe, or sea salt from Hawaii because it has a unique flavor, and every dish without salt is either bland or very flat.

You went to the Jean-George Vongerichten restaurant on Kauai and were sent to New York to train. Thoughts?

First I was shocked in doing my tasting for Jean-Georges...I was shocked to even be selected. But at the same time, I made sure to enjoy every minute, every second of learning and being mentored from Chef Jean-Georges and his Corporate Chef Gregory Brainin. They showed me their style of food – their take on products and mixing Southeast flavors with classical French food and technique. Being that Jean-Georges is a celebrity chef and world renowned, it was awesome to be shown an understanding of how he likes his food. I brought a touch

of Hawaii to his food without changing any of his flavor profiles as well. I slowly integrated my source of ingredients and Hawaiian touches into his food.

What brought you back to the Sheraton Waikiki?

Taking on a new challenge and trying to learn and understand what hotel operations are really about it managing and developing my cooking techniques in large volumes with banquets, and incorporating my restaurant style with banquets at the Sheraton Waikiki. I worked with Chef Delbrel in understanding the hotel's whole operations and its multiple facets, and not just one outlet.

What motivated your Table to Farm concept?

I was approached by Kelly Sanders and Brian Hunnings to showcase what it means to have farm-fresh ingredients and integrate a whole menu to highlight their products. To understand why these farms work to produce ingredients and food of the highest quality, I needed to understand what it was like to be a farmer and see why they grow certain products and have so much passion.

Which program you've launched is closest to your heart? Working with Daniel Delbrel to work bring restaurant-style cuisine to a large-scale operation like banquets at the Sheraton Waikiki. There are very few chefs who thought that would be possible...to bring that level of creativity and quality to feed many people at once.

You've received many awards, even being named a semifinalist for a James Beard. Is there one you really want? I'm very humbled and honored to even be recognized with so many great chefs — it's an honor to be put in the same class. My goal in the future is to win a James Beard Award.

Name your favorite restaurant you like to go too?

There are two: Le Bistro for consistent, good comfort food that I can bring any guest – whether they're local or a visitor. Second is Sushi ii for fresh, high-quality fish, Japanese fusion and it never disappoints.

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

Chefs are famous for multiple pet peeves, but my biggest one is people (cooks) who don't taste their food for seasoning and consistency and being lazy and putting it on a plate and serving it to a guest.

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

First is spending time with my daughter and wife. And when I'm able to, I love to spearfish.

Is there any other information you want to share?

It's always great to succeed and push your career first and strive to do better than others and set the bar higher, but sometimes taking a step back and just enjoying what life and family bring to the table...that's the true happiness in life

Chef Colin's Ahi Poke

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds cubed ahi
- 4 Tbsp. Hawaiian Salt (alaea preferred)
- 2 Tbsp. Inamona (Roasted Kukui Nut)
- 1 cup Maui Onion (quartered sliced thin)
- 1 cup green onion thinly sliced
- ½ cup orange Tobiko
- 4 Tbsp. chili oil (Shichimi Oil, recipe below)
- 3 Tbsp. fresh ginger (minced)
- 2 Tbsp. Sambal Chili Paste

Directions: Season Ahi first with Hawaiian Salt and Inamona, then toss the rest of ingredients together and enjoy.

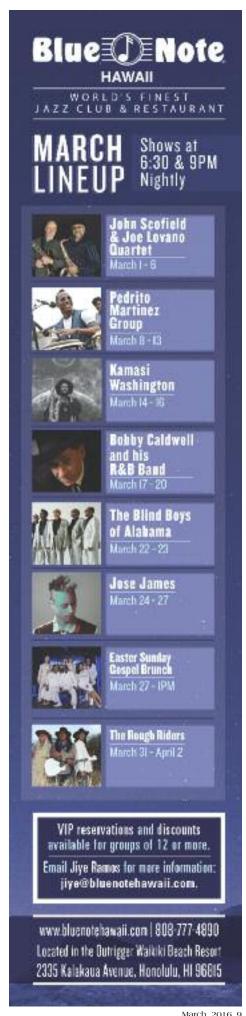
For the Shichimi Oil:

- 2 Tablespoons dry Shichimi Peppers
- 1 cup Grape Seed Oil½ Tablespoon Kosher Salt

Directions: Combine all ingredients in pot. Bring up to 185° F degrees, take of the heat and remove. Let sit for 15 min. Strain oil from a fine mash sieve. Set aside.

The Royal Hawaiian Hotel is home to Azure and the Mai Tai Bar

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MONDAY	Acoustik Playground 5:30-8:30pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233	Acoustik i layground 9.30-0.30pm	Alex Oasay & Jeremy Cheng 7:30-10:30pm
Contemporary Ukulele	THECDAY	Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Shaka Madali 5:30-8:30pm	TUESDAY	Live Hawaiian - \$2 Taco Tuesdays
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660	Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233	K.B. Riley 5:30-8:30pm
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Contemporary Ukulele	Sani & Friends 9-11pm Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Tito Berinobis & David Kauahikaua 6:30-9:30pm	Shaka Madali 5:30-8:30pm	Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321 Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001	Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600 Piano Wine Bar	Kailua Bay Buddies 5:30-8:30pm
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Taz Vegas 4-6pm	Cheesecake Factory 924-5001	Instrumental Ukulele
Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383	Classic Hawaiian	Paul Wilcox 5:30-8:30pm
	Beau Cody Duo 8-11pm	Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Bluesy Mondays Bluezilla (artists vary) 9-11pm	Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268	Piano Wine Bar
House Without a Key 923-2311	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Skyler Kamaka	Sam & Haumea 4-6pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
DeLima Ohana 5:30 - 8:00pm	Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am	Tito Berinobis & David Kauahikaua 6-10:30pm
Hula Grill 923-HULA	Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383	Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Live Contemporary	Classic Hawaiian
Eric Lee 7-9pm	Saloon Pilots (or others) 9-11pm	Kimo Artis Duo 8-11pm
Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992	House Without a Key 923-2311	Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Live Hawaiian & Hula by Radasha Ho'ohuli Po'okela 5:30 - 8:00pm	Acoustic, Soul, R&B
Bryan Tolentino (3/14) 3-5 pm	Hula Grill 923-HULA	Haumea Warrington 4-6pm
Sean Naauao 6-9pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am
Kuuipo Kumukahi (3/14) 6-9pm	Kamuela Kahoano 7-9pm	Gordon Biersch 599-4877
LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811	Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992	Jazz Wednesdays
Live Contemporary Acoustic Hits	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Varying Artists 6:30-9:30pm
Johnny Helm 6-9pm	Del Beasley (3/15) 3-5 pm	Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Lewers Lounge 923-2311 Live Contemporary & Light Jazz	Weldon Kekauoha 6-9pm	Live Contemporary
Noly Pa'a 8:30-12:30am	LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811	Kebin Jones & Wrek 9-11pm
LuLu's 926-5222	Live Contemporary Funk, Jazz, Hip Hop & Reggae	Da Push-O-Verse (2/10) 9-11pm Hiriz (2/17) 9-11pm
Live Contemporary	Jason Laeha 6-9pm	House Without a Key 923-2311
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Rumfire 921-4600	Live Contemporary & Light Jazz	Pa`ahana 5:30 - 8:00pm
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Jeremy Cheng 5-8pm	LuLu's 926-5222 Live Contemporary	Live Contemporary Music
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636	Johnny Helm 6-9pm	Brandon Serrano 7-9pm
Contemporary Pianist in the bar	Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311	Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Isao Motomochi 6-9pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer	Live Soft Contemporary
Sky Waikiki 979-7590	Kapala Duo 6:30-9:30pm	Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm
Live Contemporary	Rumfire 921-4600	Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Yoza 6-9pm Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800	Live Contemporary Rock	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Live Contemporary	Randy Allen 5-8pm	Shawn Garnet 7:00-9:30pm Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Alex Oasay 5-8pm	Twilight Audio 8:30pm-12:30am	Live Contemporary Slack Key
The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600	Signature Prime Steak 949-3636	Ben & Malia 3-5pm
Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Planist in the bar	Del Beasley (3/2) 3-5 pm
Widdy Loo 1:30-3:30pm	James Woo 6-9pm	Cyril Pahinui 6-9pm
Kaʻala Boys 6:30-8:30pm	Sky Waikiki 979-7590	LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
The Study at the Modern 943-5800	Live Contemporary John Akapo 6-9pm	Live Contemporary Funk, Jazz, Hip Hop & Reggae
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800	Soul Tree Music Factory 6-9pm
Kaleo 7-10pm	Live Contemporary Hawaijan	Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI	Cory Oliveros 5-8pm	Live Contemporary & Light Jazz
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600	Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am
Kapu the Band 6-8:30pm	Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.	LuLu's 926-5222
The Kristi Masuhara Band 9-11pm	Eric Lee 1:30-3:30pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321	Hoʻokani Duo 6:30-8:30m	Jason Lehua 10-12:30am
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	The Study at the Modern 943-5800	Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
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Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer	Live Contemporary	FRIDAY
Eric Lee Duo 6:30-9:30pm	Kailua Bay Buddies 9-11pm	Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697	House Without a Key 923-2311	Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Beach BBQ
Acoustic & Slack Key Top 40	Live Hawaiian & Hula by Radasha Hoʻohuli	Art Kalahiki & Friends 5:30-8:30pm
Dayton Watanabe 6:30-9:30pm	Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:00pm	Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
Rumfire 921-4600	Hula Grill 923-HULA	Piano Wine Bar
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm
Kamuela Kahoano 5-8pm	Kamuela Kahoano 7-9pm	Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Twilight Audio 8:30pm-12:30am	Hy's Steak House 922-5555	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636	Live Soft Contemporary	Mark Yim's Pilikia I 6-9pm
Contemporary Pianist in the bar	Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm	Mark Yim's Pilikia II 9:30-12:30am
Pierre Grill 6-9pm	Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992	Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400
Sky Waikiki 979-7590	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Contemporary Hawaiian
Live Contemporary	Jeff Rasmussen & Robi 3-5pm	Alex or Aku 6:30-9:30pm
Randy & Kanoe 6-9pm SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234	Kawika Kahiapo 6-9 pm	Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
,	LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811	Classic Hawaiian
Contemporary Classic Kailua Bay Buddies 6-9pm	Live Contemporary Pop/Rock	Johnny Helm Duo 8:00-11:00pm Dave & Busters 589-2215
Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800	Sunway 6-9pm	Pau Hana Fridays Live Local Bands
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Lewers Lounge 923-2311	Varying Hawaiian Artists 6-8pm
Tahiti Rey & Sean Cleland 5-8pm	Contemporary Jazz	Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
The Edge at the Sheraton 922-4422	Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.	LuLu's 926-5222	Maunalua (3/11, 3/18) 4-6pm
Albert Maligmat 1:30-3:30pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Kaiona Duo (3/4, 3/25) 4-6pm
Keoni Ku Duo 6:30-8:30 pm	Local Uprising 6-9pm Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311	Keith Omizo Duo (3/4) 9:30 -12am
The Study at the Modern 943-5800		Derrick Lee Duo (3/11) 9:30 -12am
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer Delima Ohana 6:30-9:30pm	Christian Yrizarry Duo (3/18) 9:30 -12am
Melanie and Drew 6:30-9:30pm	<u> -</u>	Chris Mercado Duo (3/25) 9:30 -12am
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI	Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552 Live Slack Key	Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100
Live Contemporary - ½ off Wine Wednesdays	Jeff Peterson 7:30-10:00pm	Live Acoustic
Canoes for Rent 5:30-8:30pm	Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697	Varying Artists 10pm-last call
Johnny Helm 9-11pm	Acoustic Hawaiian Guitar	Gordon Biersch 599-4877
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321	Steve English 6:30-9:30pm	Live Contemporary, R&B, Funk
Live Contemporary Rock	Rumfire 921-4600	Ben & Malia 5:30-9pm
Acoustik Playground 5:30-8:30pm	Live Contemporary Rock	Mojo 9 - 12:30am
	Johnny Helm 5-8pm	Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
THURSDAY	Signature Prime Steak 949-3636	Live Contemporary
	Contemporary Pianist in the bar	The Fresh Preps 10-12am
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233 Instrumental Ukulele	Isao Motomochi 6-9pm	House Without a Key 923-2311
Paul Wilcox 5:30-8:30pm	Sky Waikiki 979-7590	Live Hawaiian & Hula by Kanoe Miller
Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600	Live Contemporary	Hiram Olsen Trio 5:30 - 8:00pm
Piano Wine Bar	Tahiti Rey 6-9pm	Hula Grill 923-HULA
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Live Contemporary, Haveiian	Beach 5 (3/5) 4-6pm	Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	1	
Manoa DNA 6-9 p.m.	Vaihi (3/12) 4-6pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Reggae Johnny Helm 5-7pm
Vinyl Wine 10-12:30am	Kapena (3/19) 4-6pm	Johnny Helm 5-7pm Guidance 7:30-9:30pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311	Kailua Bay Buddies (3/26) 4-6pm	
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer	Camarillo Brothers (3/5, 3/19) 9:30-12am	8
Kapala Duo 6:30-9:30pm	Darrell Aquino Duo (3/12, 3/26) 9:30-12am	1
Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552	Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Live Slack Key Stylings & Jazz	Live Acoustic	Henry Kapono 4-6pm
Jeff Peterson & Ernie Provencher 6:30-10pm	Varying Artists 10pm-last call	Juke Joint 6:30-9:30pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697	Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383	SUNDAY
Keyboardist	Live Contemporary	
Brian Robert Shaw 6:30-9:30pm	EMKE 10-12am	Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Roy's Ko Olina 676-7697	House Without a Key 923-2311	Contemporary Ukulele
Slack Key Guitar	Hawaiian & Hula by Kanoe Miller	Shaka Madali 5:30-8:30pm
Chris Rego 5:30-8pm	Hiram Olsen Trio 5:30 - 8:00pm	Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Rumfire 921-4600	Hula Grill 923-HULA	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Live Contemporary Rock	Live Traditional Hawaiian with dancer	Dean & Dean 6-9pm
Kristi Masuhara 5-8pm	Kaipo Dabin & friends 7-9pm	Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636	Hy's Steak House 922-5555	Classic Hawaiian
Contemporary Pianist in the bar	Live Soft Contemporary	Chris Murphy Duo 8-11pm
Grant Carvalho 6-9pm	Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm	Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Sky Waikiki 979-7590	Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992	Live Hawaiian Entertainment
Live Contemporary	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Henry Kapono 4-6pm
John Akapo 5-8pm	Bryan Tolentino (3/5, 3/26) 3-5 pm	Kapena Delima 9:30-12am
SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234	Donald Kaulia & Walt Keale (3/12, 3/19) 3-5 pm	Typical Hawaiians (3/20) 9:30-12am
Contemporary Classic	Ka Hehena 6-9pm	Kamuela Kahoano Duo (3/27) 9:30-12am
Taimane 6-7pm	LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811	Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600	Live Contemporary Blues & R&B	Live Contemporary
Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.	YOZA 6-9pm	Youth on Stage 12 noon
Brad Kawakami 1:30-3:30pm	Lewers Lounge 923-2311	Analog 9-11pm
Delima Ohana Duo 6:30-8:30pm	Live Contemporary Jazz	Jive Nene (2/28) 9-11pm
The Study at the Modern 943-5800	Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am	House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311	Live Hawaiian & Hula by Debbie Nakanelua
Tahiti Rey 6:30-9:30pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer	Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:00pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI	Kapala Duo 6:30-9:30pm	Hula Grill 923-HULA
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552	Live Traditional Hawaiian with dancer
Randy Allen 5-7pm	Live Contemporary Slack Key & Jazz	Art Kalahiki Duo 7-9pm
Vaihi 7:30-9:30pm	Jeff Peterson 7-11pm	Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
The Kristi Masuhara Band 10-12am	Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697	Live Contemporary Hawaiian Masters on stage
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321	Acoustic Guitar	Brother Noland (3/6) 6-9pm
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Jimmy Funai 6-9:30pm	Kamakakeahu Fernandez (3/13) 3-5pm
Piranha Brothers 3:30-6:30pm	Roy's Ko Olina 676-7697	Nathan Aweau 6-9pm
Nohelani Cypriano 8:00-10:30pm	Slack Key Guitar	Kelley O'Neil's 926-1777
	Chris Rego 5:30-8pm	Live Irish Music
CATUDDAY	Rumfire 921-4600	Various Celtic Bands 4-7pm
SATURDAY	Live Contemporary Rock	LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233	Tavana McMoore 5-8pm	Live, Energetic Mix of Pop and Rock Hits
Beach BBQ with Live Contemporary Hits	Signature Prime Steak 949-3636	Pushoverse 6-9pm
Chris Salvador 5:30-8:30pm	Contemporary Pianist in the bar	Lewers Lounge 923-2311
Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600	Grant Carvalho 6-9pm	Live Contemporary & Light Jazz
Piano Wine Bar	Sky Waikiki 979-7590	Noly Pa'a 8:30pm - 12am
Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm	Live Contemporary	LuLu's 926-5222
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660	John Akapo 6-9pm	Acoustic R&B
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800	Simple Soulz 7-10pm
Tito Berinobis & Billy Beimes 7-12pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311
Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400	Kainalu 5-8pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer
Contemporary Hawaiian	SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234	Eric Lee Duo 6:30-9:30pm
Alex or Aku 6:30-9:30pm	Contemporary Acoustic	Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001	Randy Allen & Kanoe Gibson 5 - 8pm	Classical Slack Key & Jazz Stylings
Classic Hawaiian	The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600	Jeff Peterson 6-9pm
Dennis McClees Duo 8-11pm	Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.	Roy's Ko Olina 676-7697
Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268	John Valentine 1:30-3:30pm	Slack Key Guitar
Live Hawaijan Entertainment	Tino Iacobs Duo 6:30-8:30pm	Chric Pego 5:30 8pm

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6:30-8:30pm

Chris Rego

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Live Contemporary Hawaiian Alex Oasay 5-8pm

Twilight Audio 8:30pm-12:30am

Signature Prime Steak 949-3636

Contemporary Pianist in the bar Isao Motomochi 6-9pm

Sky Waikiki 979-7590

Live Contemporary

Da Push-O-Verse 6-9pm

SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234

Contemporary, Pop, Rock

Sunway 6 - 9pm

The Edge at the Sheraton 922-4422

Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.

Dave Watanabe 1:30-3:30pm Ellsworth Simeona Duo 6:30-8:30pm

The Study at the Modern 943-5800

Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Jazz

Jeremy Cheng 6-9pm

Smooth Jazz (vaying artisists) 10-2am

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI

Live Contemporary Hawaiian

Vaihi 6-8pm Ellsworth & Piko 9-11pm

Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321

Live Contemporary Rock & Hawaiian
Piranha Brothers 2-5pm

Beach 5 5:30 - 8:30pm



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

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

Dining Dish

We knew it was coming, but the time has come to bid aloha to **Jimmy Buffett's**. They closed their doors the last day of February. If things are still as they were when it was first announced in the paper last summer, they are about to embark on a multimillion dollar renovation to make way for Maui Brewing Company's first Oahu location. It is said that the new restaurant will be a partnership between restaurateurs *Bill Terry* and *Chris Thibaut* and Outrigger Enterprises Group. No date has been set for the restaurants opening, but we will keep you informed as more details come out. Thanks for the memories JBABC. It was a great run! • You just can't keep a good man down. Longtime restaurateur *Ben Dowling* has actually retired twice in the past few

years, but has returned yet again to take over the general manager duties at the Ocean House. Dowling most recently was the general manager at the Elks Club - twice - but is best known for his time at the Nick's Fishmarket of course and is an extremely welcome addition back to the industry. • Nashville Waikiki has reopened in the former Sloppy Joe's location at Aloha Tower Marketplace and are bringing back many of their old favorites. They will be offering Happy Hour daily from 11 a.m.. - 4 p.m. with drinks from \$4-\$6 and free dancing lessons daily from 7 – 9 p.m. Theme Nights will include Tall Boy Tuesdays, PBR Ladies Night on Wednesday, and Men of Steel contests on Thursday. There will pool tables and live darts where you can challenge players in other states. Free Blackjack also returns but the sound and light system is all brand new. \$5 parking after 5 p.m. 3-hour validation for those that arrive before 4 p.m. nashvillewaikiki.com. • Heading to **Hula Grill** for their Aloha Hour from 3 -6 p.m. Mondays thru Thursdays and 2-6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturday to take advantage of their \$4 select local drafts, \$5 wines, \$6 drinks, \$8 mai tais or pupus from \$4-\$11? Beer drinkers will appreciate that they just finished installing a brand new 29° Blizzard beer system that gives them 12 tap handles that now allows them to feature 10 local beers on draft. 923-HULA. • Da Hawaiian Poke Company has opened in the former Burgers on the Edge location at the Safeway complex on Kapahulu Avenue. You're going to see me there quite often as I love poke, but due to an allergy, can rarely find one that I can actually eat. Now, I can make my own. This place now offers "Aloha Your Way", where you can create your own poke bowl from scratch. From the proteins to the flavoring to all the toppings, you choose it all. dahawaiianpokecompany.com. • The Kahala Hotel & Resort has changed the hours of its restaurants. Currently, Hoku's is closed for dinner on Mondays and Tuesday, and Plumeria Beach House is closed for dinner on Sundays and Wednesdays. As of late last month, the restaurant days of operation will be changing. Hoku's will now be closed on Sundays and Mondays and Plumeria Beach House will be closed for dinner on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Any questions? Call 739-8960. Ala Moana's Ewa wing has two more restaurants to choose from as Cafe Lani opened on the 2nd floor near Nitrogenie offering Italian-inspired food and breakfast items. 955-5599. Tempura Ichidai opened on the 3rd floor, offering tempura made-toorder at their "tempura-bar." 955-8899. • Speaking of Ewa Wing restaurants, I finally made it to Magnolia Bakery. OMG yum... but not for what you're thinking. I'll be honest, I didn't even try a cupcake. What I did try were their menu items. The salads were ok, but what I truly enjoyed were the 'Nolia pies and breakfast items. I love a good skillet, and their's were really good - and available all day! Not enough places offer breakfast all day. Another highlight? The biscuits. They were delicious. Hope they turn those into biscuits 'n gravy one of these days (hint, hint!) Oh and guess what? They just got their liquor license, so you can now find beer, wine and mimosa's on the menu. 942-4132.

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.



Dining Calendar

March 6, 13 & 20: *Chuck Furuya Wine 301 classes* Learn from a master. Taste and discuss how wines work with food. \$25++. 4:30 p.m. 524-8466.

March 19: *South American Wine Tasting* Explore 25 varietals of wine paired with South American cuisine. such as grilled sirloin with chimichurri, seafood stew, empanadas and more while enjoying the Latin beat of Eddie Ortiz and Son Caribe. \$59 advance, \$64 at the door. 6 p.m. Hawaii Prince Hotel. 952-4789.

March 19: *Courtyard Brunch* at Ward Village: Food and Farmers Market set up in this chic tent area Free to enter, \$7 per ticket or pre-buy tickets for discounts. 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. wardvillageshops.com.

March 23: *Hula Grill Farm to Table Dinner* Hula Grill continues its Farm to Table dinner with Makaweli Meat Co. featuring five courses and five drinks \$62 inclusive. 6-8:30 p.m. 923-HULA.

March 23: *Tiki's New Belgium Brewery Dinner* New Belgium beer just hit Hawaii so this will be their first beer dinner. Six beers paired with dishes from Chef Ronnie Nasuti. \$69 inclusive. 6-8:30 p.m. 923-8454.



MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continuing Events MONDAY - FRIDAY LYON ARBORETUM TOURS

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDENS

daily. Donations accepted. 988-0461.

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

TUESDAYS TOURS OF THE HAWAII THEATRE

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

TUESDAYS KU HA'AHEO

An afternoon of hula from multiple groups featuring adults and keiki performing contemporary and traditional dance and music led by kumu hula Blaine Kamalani Kia. Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza Lawn. 4:30 - 6 p.m. FREE. waikikibeachwalk.com or 931-3591.

TUESDAYS • KCC FARMERS MARKET

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

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS MEET THE MONK SEALS!

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

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS FRESH FARMERS MARKET AT THE HYATT

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

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

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

TUESDAY – SATURDAY MISSION HOUSES MUSEUM GUIDED TOURS

Visit the Printing Office and Frame House while learning about the 19th century history and culture preserved at this beautiful museum. Galleries also open to explore on your own. Mission Houses Museum. Tues. - Sat. 11 a.m. & 2:45 p.m.; Tues. - Fri. 1 p.m. \$6 - \$10. 531-0481 or missionhouses.org.

THIRD WEDNESDAY (MARCH 16) KONA NUI NIGHTS

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

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS CHADO – THE WAY OF TEA

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

SECOND THURSDAY (MARCH 10) COURTYARD CINEMA

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

THURSDAYS • COURTYARD YOGA

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

THIRD THURSDAY (MARCH 17) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

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

FRIDAYS • CULTURAL CRAFT FAIR

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

FIRST FRIDAY (MARCH 4) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

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

FINAL FRIDAY (MARCH 25) ART AFTER DARK

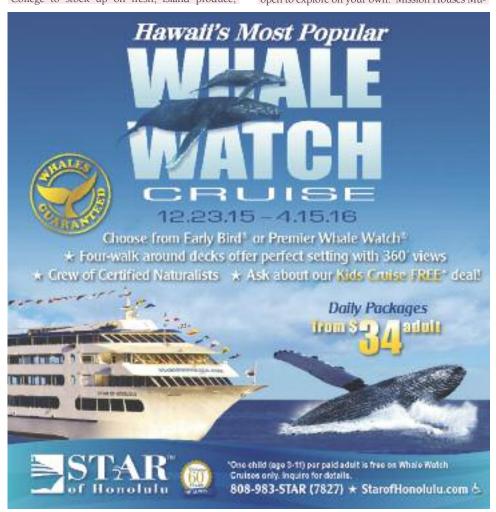
Art after Dark offers one of Honolulu's hippest events each month. Honolulu Academy of Art. 6-9 p.m. artafterdark.org.

SATURDAYS • KCC FARMERS MARKET

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

SATURDAYS • KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET

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



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is at Ward Warehouse between Ward and Kamakee Streets, Free. 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. 388-9696 or halei-wafarmersmarket.com.

SECOND SATURDAY (MARCH 12) • DISCOVER ART: DOWNTOWN WALK & CRAFT FAIR

First Friday has become such a success that events carry over to the second Saturday. HiSAM, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 586-9958. Other events around downtown Honolulu all afternoon including slam poetry and open mic at The Arts at Marks from 3 - 5 p.m. Free. 521-2903 or artsatmarks.com.

THIRD SATURDAY (MARCH 19) HONOLULU NIGHT MARKET

The folks behind Eat the Street and Makers & Tasters bring this monthly art event to Kakaako. Food, art and fashion will close Auahi Street down from Keawe to Coral as artists, food trucks, live entertainment and more fill the streets from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Lane closures begin at noon. streetgrindz.com

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ART ON THE ZOO FENCE

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

NA MELE NO NA PUA SUNDAY SHOWCASE (MARCH 6 & 20)

Waikiki Beach Walk presents Tahiti Mana on March 6th and Danny Couch on March 20th at the Plaza Stage from 5 – 6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

BANK OF HAWAII FREE SUNDAY (MARCH 20) Since 2004, Bank of Hawaii has made it possible for the Honolulu Museum of Art to open its doors to

the Honolulu Museum of Art to open its doors to the public free of charge on the third Sunday of every month. Activities include artS, entertainment and films. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. 532-8700.

MARCH 3 SANTANA IN CONCERT



The one and only Carlos Santana returns to Hawaii in advance of his much anticipated studio album Santana IV due to be released on April 15th. The new album reunites the classic lineup from the early '70s of Carlos, Gregg Rolie, Neal Schon, Michael Carabello, and Michael

Shrieve. There's only a few tickets left to see this legendary guitarist. Tickets: \$59-\$149, Blaisdell Arena. 8 p.m. ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000.

MARCH 4 • FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER

Tom Moffatt brings a mega-dance party to the Islands with disco superstars of yesteryear Evelyn "Champagne" King's "Shame", and Grammy Award winners "Don't Leave Me This Way" by Thelma Houston and "Disco Inferno" by The Trammps. Blaisdell Arena. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35 - \$45. ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000.

MARCH 5 LEI COURT SELECTION EVENT

Your guests always wanted to see some of our famous May Day festivities, but are here in March, not May? No problem. Send them to Ala Moana Beach Park to watch this years' court be selected. Contestants must complete a lei before the judges within one hour, be judged on their poise, perform a hula or present a speech in either English or Hawaiian, depending on which court they are striving for. McCoy Pavilion 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. honolulu.gov/parks/program

MARCH 5 WAIKIKI BLOCK FESTIVAL

These new events went off so well last year, this is the 3rd of 11 scheduled festivals this year. "Lucky to Be in Hawaii" will let you wander through the various vendors, grab a bite from some of the food trucks, take a hula lesson, hop on a carnival ride or just enjoy the festivities set up between Lewers Street and Kaiulani Avenue. 4 – 10 p.m. millwoodohanaproductions.com.

MARCH 5-18 KIRK CASHMERE JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

This 14th annual festival from Temple Emanu-El will show several films that celebrate and examine the Jewish experience across the globe Kicking off with the lovable British comedy, Dough, starring Jonathan Pryce, each screening will be \$10. Doris Duke Theatre. See full list of films and times at shaloha.com.

MARCH 8 JUAN SIDDI FLAMENCO SANTA FE

Infusing old-world tradition with new attitude, Juan Siddi Flamenco Santa Fe perpetuates the art form in an electrifying showcase by an ensemble consisting 13 flamenco dancers, musicians, and singers bring crowd-pleasing performances for flamenco aficionados. Tickets: \$20-\$60. 7:30 p.m. 528-5535 or hawaiitheatre.com.

MARCH 8 THE PIT STOP

Driving to and from the west side? This event is designed for you to get out of traffic and "Shop, Dine and Dash" on your way in or out of Waikiki. Walk through the food trucks, food tents, crafters, resellers, fresh produce, activities & more at Aloha Stadium. Free admission/parking. Aloha Stadium. 5 – 9 p.m. thepitstophawaii.com.

MARCH 10 LÚNASA WITH TIM O'BRIEN

This all-star Irish acoustic quartet has propelled Lúnasa into one of the most popular bands on the international music scene. Joining Lúnasa on stage will be Grammy Award-winning bluegrass legend, Tim O'Brien,. Tickets: \$50. 7:30 p.m. 528-5535 or hawaiitheatre.com.

MARCH 11 – 13 THE HONOLULU FESTIVAL

This annual festival is dedicated to celebrating the people, arts and culture of the Pacific Rim. Get ready for lots of music, dance, food, a parade, and some of the best fireworks all year. The Grand Parade will wind down Kalakaua in Sunday from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., followed by the world famous Nagaoka Fireworks Show at 8:30 p.m. honolulufestival.com

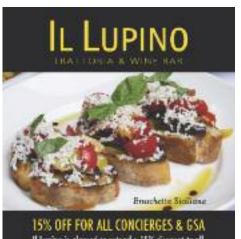
MARCH 11-12 14TH ANNUAL HEIVA I HONOLULU

Hawaii's largest Tahitian dance competition all year long brings competitors from Hawaii, the mainland and afar for two days of hip shaking, drum beating, fun for visitors and locals alike. Polynesian crafts and foods will be available for sale. \$15. Blaisdell Arena. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. tahitinuiinternational.com.

MARCH 12 • NA MELE ALOHA CONCERT

This is first of a four concert series (every other month) filled with stories and lore. The first performance will welcome the audience as one would welcome a stranger into their home. It will explore the hospitality that is so distinctive to Hawaii. Gooch's MISSION Cafe will be serving a special menu for this performance. Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. 5:30 – 8 p.m. Hawaiian Mission Museum. missionhouses.org. *Continues on page 16.*



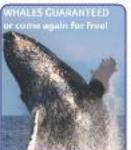


Il Lupina is pleased to extend a 15% discount to all Contienges and Guests Services Staff (Front Besk, Valet, Porters, etc.). Must show your work LD, or business card to receive the discount. Not applicable on liquor or specials.

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MARCH CALENDAR CON'T

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MARCH 12 KE AHE LAU MAKANI FESTIVAL

This annual Hawaiian Music Choral Festival will culminate in this annual Prince Kuhio tribute concert featuring singers from various community choirs. Kawaiahao Church. 6-7:30 p.m.

MARCH 12 ROBERT CAZIMERO & FRIENDS

Hawaii's most revered singer and beloved kumu, Robert Cazimero will celebrate Hawaiian mele and hula with a few of his friends. Joining him on stage will be the men of Halau Na Kamalei O Lililehua, the Ladies of the Royal Dance Company and other special guests. Tickets: \$35. 7:30 p.m. 528-5535 or hawaiitheatre.com.

MARCH 13 ALII SUNDAY

Kawaiahao Church celebrates select Hawaiian Royalty (Alii) who are of particular importance for the Church by holding seven special Sunday services in their honor around their birthdays throughout the year. Today they celebrate Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop. 9 a.m. kawaiahao.org.

MARCH 13 HONOLULU RAINBOW EKIDEN

This fun 3rd annual 5-kilometer relay race takes participants over Diamond Head and past the Waikiki coastline, followed by fun activities in the park including the WaikiKitchen, which will bring a taste of Hawaii to the event as part of the Honolulu Festival. Kapiolani Park. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. honoluluekiden.com.

MARCH 13 OLA KA HA BENEFIT



This all day celebration features Hawaiian arts, crafts, top Island musicians, halau, and food. Artists include Kapena, Weldon Kekauoha, Na Leo, Sean Naauao, Jerry

Santos, Kumus Manu Boyd and Robert Cazimero just to name a few. Free palace tours will be given throughout the day. Iolani Palace. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. A full schedule of artists can be found at olakaha.com.

MARCH 14-20 • SHOP A LE'A

Ala Moana Center's weeklong fashion event returns celebrating the joy of shopping bringing plenty of fashion-shows, special events and entertainment center-wide to choose from. There will lots of activity, deals, gifts with purchase and more all week long for shoppers to enjoy, alamoanacenter.com

MARCH 17 • ST. PATRICKS DAY

Wear your green and check out the St. Patrick's Day parade down Kalakaua Avenue from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Afterwards, head downtown for Murphy's annual block party. The day starts in the parking lot across from O'Toole's where one can find beers, fish n' chips, oysters and more, Murphy's is packed all day long, and the streets will be filled with thousands by the time the sun falls as live bands take to multiple stages after dark May the luck of the Irish be with you!

MARCH 19-20 THE MIDTOWN MEN



Four stars from the original Broadway cast of Jersey Boys have joined together to create The Midtown Men, an electric show featuring some of the top hits of the 60's that has thrilled audiences across the country. Hawaii Theatre Center, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35. 528-5535 or hawaiitheatre.com.

MARCH 19 GREAT CHEFS FIGHT HUNGER

Dine out for a good cause at this fundraiser featuring fine wines, craft beers, signature cocktails and more to accompany delicious cuisine from some of our island's top chefs. Live music, silent auction, and a fun buy a key fundraisers, where the key that opens the door keeps the cases of wine behind it! Hawaii Foodbank, 2611 Kilihau St. 6-8:30 p.m. GA \$150, 836-3600 ext. 244 or hawaiifoodbank.org.

MARCH 20 • ALII SUNDAY

Kawaiahao Church celebrates select Hawaiian Royalty (Alii) by holding seven special Sunday services in their honor around their birthdays throughout the year. Today they celebrate Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole. 9 a.m. kawaiahao.org.

MARCH 20 • WIKI WIKI ONE DAY VINTAGE COLLECTIBLES & HAWAIIANA SHOW

The Spring sale is offering an all vintage collectible and antiques show and sale. Shop ninety-three tables of vendors offering antiques, estate jewelry, vintage fashion, aloha shirts, Hawaiiana and more. Neal Blaisdell Center. 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. \$4.50. Early entry \$15 from 9 a.m. ukulele.com.

MARCH 24 PRINCE KUHIO CELEBRATION

In honor of the upcoming birthday celebration of Prince Kuhio, the formerly named Hilton Prince Kuhio will be presenting a special blessing and performance fin his honor featuring falsetto and kumu Ali'i Manu, the Prince Kuhio Elementary Choir and a halau. Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel. Free. 11 a.m.



MARCH CON'T

MARCH 25 PRINCE KUHIO DAY & GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

MARCH 25 TAIMANE

Hawaii's female ukulele virtuoso headlines her firstever show at the historic Hawaii Theatre Center. She will bring her album to life through muci, dance and narration. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$23-\$48.. 528-5535 or hawaiitheatre.com.

MARCH 26 PRINCE KUHIO PARADE

Celebrate Prince Kuhio Day with a special parade beginning at 10 a.m. Parade starts at Saratoga and ends up at Kapiolani Park at 12:30 p.m.

MARCH 26 SUNSET ON THE ROOF

The Sunset Mele Marketplace features food booths, arts & crafts booth and more starting at 5 p.m. Feel free to bring low-slung beach chairs, mats or blankets. A feature film starts at 7 p.m. facebook.com/HawaiiConventionCenter. 943-3025.

MARCH 26-27 WAIKIKI ARTFEST

Check out the work of close to 75 local artists as they display their crafts for all to see and buy. Enjoy live music and food booths while shopping. Free. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kapiolani Park. hotcrafts.net.

MARCH 30 SALUTE TO YOUTH PARADE

Winding up the month with one last road closure, this midweek parade will shut down Kalakaua at 6 p.m. as over 1,200 marchers, 15 vehicles, 5 floats and 10 bands head from Fort DeRussy to Kapiolani Park in this spring break tradition as youth from around the country parade through Waikiki at sunset. Drivers beware... this one is at rush hour, and usually turns Waikiki into a parking lot.

The Moana turns 115

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stations from the Beach Bar at the Moana, Scratch Kitchen & Bake Shop, The Pig and the Lady, Koko Head Café, MW Restaurant, MAC 24-7 and Square Barrels for \$75. Tickets for both events can be found at HonoluluBoxOffice.com.

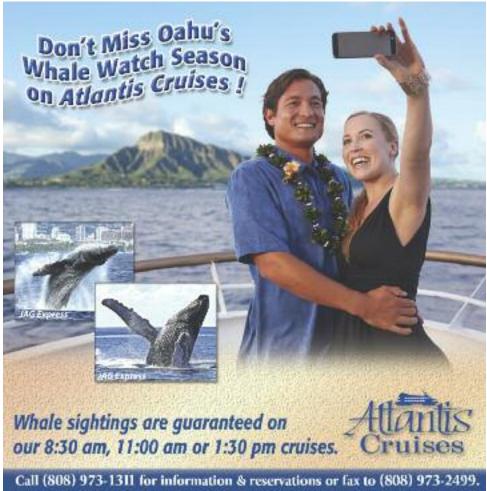
Throughout the birthday weekend, Juno Galang, best known for painting the people and places of Hawaii with meticulous precision, will be in the lobby painting under the theme..."Moana Surfrider: Yesterday and Today through the Eyes of an Artist." Guests will be able to see the master at work as they pass through

In addition to the signature events listed above, the hotel will celebrate with a variety of specials offered all month long. The Beachhouse Birthday dinner will offer a special dinner for two including a baby Caesar salad and a wagyu tomahawk steak, that they just recently added to the restaurants menu, with your choice of two sides for \$115.

The Moana Lani Spa will also be offering a birthday special that includes a macadamia nut scalp treatment with neck and shoulder massage and a warm stone foot massage for \$115. And, keeping with the 115th theme, stay at least four nights and the last night is just \$115 with a \$115 resort credit.

Happy Birthday Moana Surfrider! Here's to the First Lady of Waikiki and she continues her stride towardsthe2ndcenturymark! ~ Pam





That's Entertainment

HOTELS

HALE KOA HOTEL 955-0555

- •TuSat High and Right Comedy Show takes the stage at the Warriors Lounge at 8pm.
- •MThFS Poolside music at the Barefoot Bar. 6-11pm

HALEKULANI HOTEL

- •Daily-Hawaiian Music and hula at House Without A Key from 5:30-8pm.
- •Daily-Live Contemporary and light Jazz at Lewers Lounge from 8:30pm to midnite.
- •Sun- Sunday brunch at Orchids features Noly Paa on the piano from 9:30 - 2:30pm.

HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE 949-4321

- •Fri Fireworks at 7:45pm.
- •Fri The Rockin' Hawaiian Rainbow Revue, a musical salute to King Kalakaua, at the Super Pool. 7 pm.
- •FriSat Olomana at the Tapa Bar from 8-11pm.
- •Daily Live entertainment at the Hau Tree Bar and the Tapa Bar from 8-11pm.

THE KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT 739-8888

•TuWThFSat- David Swanson vocalizes on the piano at The Veranda from 7:30-10pm. Hawaiian on Sun/Mon.

MOANA SURFRIDER

•Daily-Hawaiian music & hula. The Banyan Court, 6-8 pm, and again from 8 -10 p.m. Weekends from 11:30-2 p.m.

922-3111

923-7311

•MWFri-Guided historical tours at 11am.

NEW OTANI KAIMANA BEACH 923-1555

•FSat- Jazz guitarists in the Sunset Lanai Bar. 6-9pm.

OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI ON THE BEACH 923-0711

- •Mon- Kukui Nut Bracelet Making. 1pm.
- •Th- Ukulele Lessons. 1pm.
- •Fri- Aloha Fridays bring back old Hawai'i with music, hula, ukulele & lei making lessons. 9am-1pm.

OUTRIGGER REEF ON THE BEACH

•Daily- See guest artists at work in Kuloko Arts of Hawaii 9am-1pm and again from 6-9pm.

SHERATON PRINCESS KA'IULANI 922-5811

- •Daily-Live Hawaiian music & halau at the lounge from 6-8:30pm, then poolside from 8:30-10:30pm.
- •Th-Princess Kaiulani historical tour at 9:30am.

THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN

•TTH- Free guided resort tour at 1pm.

TURTLE BAY RESORT 293-6300

- •MTWThFSat- Lei Making, Main Lobby at 10am.
- •ThSun Fire Dancer, Hang Ten Pool Bar at Sunset
- •TThFri Shell Hula Lessons, Lobby at 10am
- •TThFri Ukulele Lessons, Lobby at 9am
- •Fri- Music & Hula. Lobby Lounge 6:30-8:30pm.

WAIKIKI BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT 922-6611

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

MUSEUMS

HAWAI'I STATE ART MUSEUM

•TWThFSat - Inaugural exhibition "Enriched by Diversity: The Art of Hawai'i." Free. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located in the Capital District.

HAWAI'I THEATRE

•Tues- A one-hour guided tour offers a unique insight in the history, art, architecture and restoration of the Hawai'i Theatre with trained docents & a mini-concert on the 1922 Robert Morton Theatre Organ. 11 a.m. Admission: \$10.

HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART 532-8726

•MWF- Japanese Language Tours. Private tours also available. 1pm. Regular admission.

HONOLULU FIRE MUSEUM 723-7167

•3rdSat- Free one-hour guided tours through various exhibits with a firefighter recounting HFDs history the 3rd Saturday: 9am - 2pm. Reservations required. 620 South Street. honolulu.gov/hfd/communityrelations

- •Mon-Sat-45 minutes docent-lead or self-guided audio tours available in English or Japanese. Japanese-led tour is available only at 11:30 a.m. All tours include re-tour video and entrance into the Palace Galleries. Adults: \$14.75-\$21.75 / Keiki (5-12): \$6. 9am-5pm
- •Sat-Hawaiian Quilt Classes. Old Archives 9:30a-12p.

LUCORAL MUSEUM

•TTh- Learn how to plan your jewelry project and more in this beaded jewelry workshop \$10. 2-4 p.m.

MISSION HOUSES MUSEUM

•Tue-Sat-Learn about the dramatic story of cultural change in 19th-century Hawai'i. Docents lead tours through the oldest existing frame house in the Islands, Printing Office, and the coral block Chamberlain House. Reservations required. www.missionhouses.org

PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM

441-1000 •Daily-Vintage aircraft in battlefield hangars at Pearl Harbor. Combat flight simulators. Aviator's Tour takes you through the new Restoration Hangar. Restaurant, Museum Store. Shuttle & Tickets at USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center or at PacificAviationMuseum.org.

THE SPALDING HOUSE

•Daily-Docent-led tours given daily. 1:30pm. Garden tours or Japanese language tours are by appointment.

NAVAL AIR MUSEUM BARBERS POINT 682-3982

• Mon-Fri- A unique museum experience about aviation history in Hawaii. All of the aircraft are open to climb

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

SHOPPING CENTERS

ALA MOANA CENTERSTAGE

•Tues - PCC Polynesian Revue Show. 6pm.

955-9517

- •Sun Keiki Hula Show. 10-11am.
- KINGS VILLAGE www.kings-village.com 237-6344
- •MW Famer's Market offering fresh produce, baked goods and local food items from 4-9pm.
- •Daily King's Guard Museum features a variety of collectibles and memorabilia. 10a-10:30p. FREE.

ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER

- MWF- Learn Lomilomi 11am-12pm, Bldg. B, 3rd floor
- MF- Hawaiian Storytelling 12pm, Helumoa Hale
- MTWF-Hula 10am (4pm on Wednesdays), Royal Grove
- ThSat- Rock-a-Hula Pre-Show 7pm, Royal Grove
- WTh- PCC Show 11am, Royal Grove
- TWTh- Lauhala Weaving 1pm, Bldg A., 1st floor
- TThF- Ukelele 12pm, Helumoa Hale
- TWF- Live Hawaiian music 6-7pm, Royal Grove
- ThSat- Rock-a-Hula Pre-Show 7pm, Royal Grove
- Sat- Hula Kahiko 6-6:30pm, Royal Grove

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK www.waikikibeachwalk.com

- •Tuesdays Ku Ha'aheo featuring Hawaiian song and dance on the Plaza stage. 4:30-6pm
- •Wednesdays Yoga Classes 4-4:45pm. Free.Plaza Stage

WAIKIKI SHOPPING PLAZA 923-1191

- •Daily Hula Lessons. 10am, 12pm
- MTTh Polynesian Review 1st & 3rd floor 7-9pm

ATTRACTIONS

KALAKAUA AVENUE

527-5666

•Fri - Strolling Hula from 8-10:00pm.

KAPI'OLANI BANDSTAND 527-5666

- •Fri-Hawai'i's finest musicians perform. 5:30-6:30pm
- •Sun-Royal Hawaiian Band performs 2-3:15pm. KUHIO BEACH HULA SHOW 843-8002

•TThSat- City & County presents a free hula show at

sunset. 6:30 - 7:30pm at the hula mound. TAMARIND PARK - DOWNTOWN 527-5666

•Fri- Mayor's Aloha Friday Music from 12-1pm features live music from Hawaiian to Jazz to Pop.

WAIKIKI TOWN CENTER 922-2724

•Mon-Sat-The songs and dances of Hawai'i, New Zealand, & Tahiti. Free shows begin at 7pm.

EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM PRIOR TO ATTENDING

Mahalo! We Gathered 897 Pounds!!!!



Mahalo to everyone that donated. While we did not make the 1,000 pounds goal, we had our best showing ever with 897 pounds of canned goods for Hawaii Food Bank! Makes me really upset I forgot my 6 SPAM cans, we would've hit 900 lbs!

PAPARAZZI

Pro Bowl showed off Hawaii well



It was a perfect day for the NFL's Pro Bowl last month. Hawaii turned up in droves for a sold-out game that led to major traffic headaches for some. Fingers crossed Roger Goodell doesn't use that against us for future games. Keep the Pro Bowl in Hawaii!

Do you have a picture you would like us to run? Send them to: publisher@oahuconcierge.com

Feeling short



I didn't have another picture for this section so for kicks, I put in this picture I took with Ma'ake and Chris Kemoeatu former Baltimore Raven and Pittsburgh Steeler at the Warren Moon's Hall of Fame Pro Bowl Dinner. They're like 350 lbs and 6'5!!!!

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Giovanni Pastrami - 15% Off Full Bar, Dine-in or Take-Out at anytime with ID. 227 Lewers St. 923-2100.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

II Lupino - 15% discount off food and beverage (not applicable on liquor or specials). Must show hotel ID or business card to receive discount. 2233 Kalakaua Avenue. 922-3400

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

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

Mission Houses Museum - Free tour with hotel ID. 553 S. King Street. 447-3910 Pacific International Skydiving Center - 50% Discount on Jump, 68-760 Farrington Hwy., 637-7472

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

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

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

Ruth's Chris Steak House - 20% Off Food and Beverage for up to 2 guests. (Not Valid for Happy Hour & Prime Time menus). Restaurant Row, 500 Ala Moana Blvd. 599-3860. Walkiki Beach Walk. 296 Lewers Street. 440-7910

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

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

The Original Glider Rides - Come experience the joy of soaring for yourself. Concierge / GSA may receive a complimentary scenic ride. Request the "GSA flight special" when booking your reservation. Hotel ID required. Dillingham Airfield. 637-0207

Tiki's Grill & Bar - FREE order of ANY appetizer with any purchase! One per table. OahuconPOKE. ASTON Waikiki Beach. 923-8454

Willoughby's Restaurant - 15% off all food items. Ohana Honolulu Airport Hotel. 3401 N. Nimitz Hwy. 836-0661.

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Activity Concierge of the Month



NAME Kalei Cardenas

HOTEL: Elite Concierge

TITLE: Concierge

Q. How long have you been with Elite?

A. I been with Elite for 4 years now. I ended up here after my old boss from my previous employment opened up her own company and she asked me over.

Q. Do you work a specific desk more often than not?

There are 12 of us currently working for Elite. I was stationed at the Aqua Waikiki Wave but the hotel just closed for renovation so I will be working at different Elite locations until I find a new home.

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

A. Well..LOL.. Over 20 plus years ago I started as an Airport Greeter with Aloha VIP then moved to their briefing department. Stayed there for about 6 years, took a little break came back in the Industry with Pleasant Holidays in their briefing department then moved to their Sevice Desk/Concierge Dept for 7 years. Then moved over to Expedia and spent 5 years there which bought me to where I currently am.

Q. What is your biggest challenge at the desk?

A. When it's slow and I have no one to talk too. LOL

Q. What do you like most about this industry?

A. Selling my island. As a person who is born and raised here I love sharing Hawaii with all of the guests I come in contact with.

Q. Favorite perk of the job?

A. So much to mention, FAM tours, your events, etc..

Q. What question are you asked more than any other?

A. What bus number can I take to Diamond Head?

Q. What is your favorite restaurant to recommend?

A. Top of Waikiki or Sky as it's close to my location.

$\ensuremath{\mathcal{Q}}.\ Do\ you\ have\ one\ really\ memorable\ guest?$

A. Yes one family comes every year and go off to the neighbor islands and always have me arrange it.

Q. What's the most unusual request you ever received?

A. Yes, one guest had me arrange an Asia world tour for him and I was able to accommodate my biggest Pan Tour to date.

Q. How do you deal with those "difficult" guests?

A. Basically just deal. Hear what their concerns are and try my best to accommodate. When they leave I roll my eyes LOL.

Q. What is your favorite activity to recommend?

A. Well my favorite by far is the Circle Island Tour cause mostly people think Waikiki is Hawaii but I'm like, no, you need to go out and around to get to see our Hawaii (Ground Tour).

Q. Is there one thing about you that would surprise people?

A. No. I've been in the industry so long I don't think there's anything that would surprise them about me.

Q. Are you from here originally?

A. Born and raised. I went to Kaiulani Elementary, Stevenson Intermediate and Rossevelt High School.

Q. What do you like to do most when you're not working? A. Mainly hang out with family and friends doing anything or nothing.

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

A. My favorite quote that I live by is... "Choosing to be positive and having a grateful attitude is going to determine how you live your life" and I have a blessed one. Thanks so much for this opportunity. I am so humbled by it.

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