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May Day, Mele Mei and More



Expect Hawaiian music and dance to pop up all over town even more than usual this month as part of the Mele Mei celebration. Existing events like Waikiki Beach Walks Na Mele No Na Pua shown here, have all joined into the celebration. Photo: Mele Mei.

Do you know the history of May Day? The day itself was actually conceptualized by *Honolulu Star Bulletin* poet Don Blanding back in 1927. He had noticed we celebrated all sorts of holidays here in Hawaii, but none that were actually unique to the islands and celebrated living in paradise. A coworker came up with the phrase "May Day is Lei Day", and in 1929 it became an official holiday. Not one with free street parking or paid days off work of course, but an officially recognized day nonetheless that embodies the spirit of Aloha.

The festivities will be going all day long at the 89th Annual Lei Day Celebration. This is the state's largest celebration and will include lots of live entertainment, food booths and lei making contests throughout the day. Visitors will have the chance to meet this years' lei court, play Hawaiian games, listen to the Royal Hawaiian Band and even learn how to make their own lei. Festivities kick off at 9 a.m. and will continue until 5:30 p.m. in Kapiolani Park.

Not to be left out, the 3rd annual "May Day Waikiki – Beach Boys, Memories and Music" will take place from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. on the beach in front of The Royal Hawaiian and the Outrigger Waikiki Beach. The event celebrates the history and traditions of Waikiki and will include a special tribute to the Waikiki Beach Boys. Around 3:00 p.m. Melveen Leed will kick off the musical portion of the afternoon followed by a special performance from Henry Kapono with a guest appearance from one of his fellow Rough Rider's, Brother Noland. The entire event will broadcast live on the radio on Hawaiian 105.1 KINE. Visitors should be sure to take advantage of the fact

that Waikiki Beach Services will be offering free canoe rides between noon and 2 p.m. in front of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel prior to the event.

For those on the other side of the island, Waimea Valley will be hosting a special May Day Concert honoring Hawaiian slack key guitarist and singer Gabby "Pops" Pahinui and his wife Emily Pahinui. There is an amazing line-up of artists slated to perform that afternoon including "Bla" Pahinui, The Cruz Brothers (there's that 3rd rough rider!), The Makaha Sons and HAPA. The concert is from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 for adults. Immediately after the concert, there is a special fundraiser that starts at 5 p.m. to preserve Pu'ukea, the last remaining privately owned parcel of land in Waimea Valley. While your guests may not be overly interested in that part, they're sure to be interested in the line-up: Paula Fuga, Kawika Kahiapo, the Ron Artis Family Ban, and the North Shore's favorite son... Jack Johnson! The Proud Peacock will provide food and tickets are only \$60 in advance, \$75 at the door. For information on these events head to their website at waimeavalley.net. By the way, although we have absolutely no inside information on this event whatsoever, it's worth noting that most every time Jack plays in Hawaii, if any of his friends are in town at the same time, they usually end up on stage with him at some point. Past surprise guests have included Kelly Slater and Eddie Vedder to name a few

In case that's not enough Hawaiian music for you, be advised that this it is only the beginning. For the past 5 years, Mele Mei has celebrated

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PLAYING WITH FIRE



Joseph Cadousteau enjoys a victory lap after being named the 2015 World Fireknife Champion. Photo courtesy of the PCC.

If you play with fire, you're going to get burned... but there's nothing wrong with watching someone else do it, right? If you want to see people play with fire in the most spectacular fashion possible, don't miss the 24th annual World Fireknife Championship at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

From May 12th to May 14th, the world's best fire knife dancers will all be on one stage, competing against each other with dazzling displays of agility as they twirl, spin, and flip a flaming knives into the air to determine who is the world's best. How many is yet to be determined, but there are already competitors from the mainland, Japan, Hong Kong, Tahiti, New Zealand and Hawaii signed up to compete, including four-

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Publisher's Letter

IS FOR MAY. MELE MEI, MOTHERS & MILITARY

is for May. How is it May already? We're almost halfway through the year and I still haven't put away all of my Christmas decorations. Okay, I put away most of them, there's just a few stragglers I keep forgetting, but still! When did time start going past so quickly? M is also for May Day. The sweet smell of flowers will waft through the air as it's Lei Day in Hawaii, and ladies always bring out their Holoku best. M is also for Mele Mei, and this year, there seems to be even more music and dance than before as they join in on the fun. I listed as many of these events as I could put my hands on in the cover story, but keep your ears open as we both know there's more out there. Out of all the ones I listed, remember that M is also for Makana, and seeing him play for free at Ala Moana Center on May Day to open the Grammy Exhibit is monumental!

May also stands for Military... as in Military Appreciation Month. Many businesses out there are going to be showing support for our armed forces by offering those with a valid military ID. Just off the top of my head, I know that Rock-A-Hula is offering all military personnel a buy-one-get-one offer on a Rock-A-Hula ticket and anyone with a valid Military ID can take advantage of a kamaaina discount rate on the Star of Honolulu, no matter where they live. There will be a ton more offers out there that I haven't heard of yet, so as a rule of thumb, if you or your guest is military, ask before booking throughout the month of May.

M is also for Money – as in not only military save money during the month of May. I started looking through the book at some of the advertisements and realized how many of them were giving you discount just for being you. I listed them in the first Newsflash on the next page and all you have to do is remember that M is also for mention – as in simply mention the discount to get it. You must have a valid work ID of course, but that's all you need to do. As much as i may want all of you walking around with your copy of the publication with you 24/7, it's hardly necessary.

M also stands for Mothers Day of course. This year it falls on May 8th, so plan accordingly. I must have received over a hundred emails asking me to share their special menus or events with you and it's simply not possible to list that many menus. Plan on things being booked early, and look around for special events everywhere. I couldn't possible list them all so I'm truly not even going to try.

I can't come up with an M for this next one, but I am sure you're all aware that the 38th annual Charity Walk will be held on May 21st. I'm sending the June issue to press that weekend, so this is a plea to ask you to please send your pictures to me by Sunday, May 22nd, so I can try to sneak them into the June issue!

M also stands for Mahalo. Mahalo for everythnig and have a magical May!





Victoria McDowell has been named Director of Operations for the Courtyard by Marriott Waikiki Beach. McDowell brings more than 12 years of leadership and management experience with her including Director of Guest Services at the Turtle Bay Resort, Victoria McDowell Front Office Manager at The

Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas, Guest Relations Manager at Grand Wailea Resort and Spa and most recently Membership Sales and Service Manager at the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau. She's not the only new addition to the management team. Henry Perez has just been named general manager of the the newly revitalized property. Perez had been the GM of Hilton Grand Vacation Club since 2010. They both join the property just as the hotel announces the

completion of a \$20 million revitalization project, including a complete revamping of all 403 rooms, updates to the building's exterior, lobby bar and lanais. The upgrades uphold the hotel's "Island Chic" character while giving it a fresh, new look. • Dean Calibraro has joined Bishop



Museum as its Director of Sales. He will now be the museum's primary liason with the visitor industry and develop new programs to appeal to that market. Dean was most recently with Discover Hawaii Tours and previously with Hilo Hattie. • Brent Yamate has been named General Manager of Bakery & Table. Yamate has worked as both a manager at Morimoto Waikiki and a serverat Azure and Ruth's Chris Steak House, giving him experience on both sides of the restaurant industry,

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time winner, Makaele Ola, who first won back in 2005 and defending champion, Papeete's Joseph Cadousteau who also took the title in 2012 and 2013. Cadousteau relinquished the title in 2014 to Florida's Viavia Tiumalu, Jr, another three-time winner. As a matter of fact, those three performers have won every competition since 2005 years except for one when Andrew "Umi" Sexton took the title in 2007

The Samoan Fireknife Dance is often thought of as an ancient tradition, but in fact it is a relatively modern interpretation of an old warrior tradition. The traditional Samoan knife dance was known as the ailao, an exhibition of a Samoan warrior's strength and battle capabilities, usually performed with wooden war clubs or spears at ceremonial processions of daughters and high chiefs. But remember, steel wasn't available back then, so it wasn't until modern times that the wooden club because a machete, and then it wasn't until 1946 that a dancer first got the idea to light his knife on fire. The story goes that a young Samoan-American man was watching a fire-eater and a baton twirler perform at a San Francisco street festival and was inspired to light his knives on fire. His performance was a hit, and here we are 60 years later. Samoan Fire Knife dancing is not only a fundamental part of all luaus, but can be found at everything from nightclubs to openings to raves across the country.

Time does not make this dangerous and exhilarating art any easier. The knives are sharp and the fire is real. A quick look at Facebook shows dozens of groups dedicated to the art of Fire Knife dancing, where they constantly share stories and tips with each other, including keeping aloe as part of their tool kit they prepare for every performance. The fire is real... and hot! While many dancers have developed large callouses on their feet that helps, they are still playing with fire and sharp objects and they often get burned and cut. Aloe can be a performers best friend. This is a dangerous sport, but they start young, with kids being taught at a young age with wooden instruments before moving onto the more dangerous ones. Don't believe any parent would let their child play with fire and knives? Then don't



miss the two Junior Divisions during the festival with entrants as young as 6 years old vie for the

Junior and Intermediate Championship.

Attendees can expect three explosive days of competition. The schedule will be as follows. Competition kicks off at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, with the preliminary rounds for the Junior Division (ages 6-11), the Intermediate Divisions (ages 12-17) and the Senior Division (ages 18+). The semi-finals for the senior division and the finals for the junior division will take place on Friday, May 13th at 7:45 p.m., culminating in a breathtaking finale on Saturday evening. Watch the top three senior finalists and face off during intermission of

the evening show, "Ha: Breath of Life," with the

winner crowned at the shows conclusion.

In conjunction with the main competition, the annual Samoan Cultural High School Arts Festival will also be held with local high school students coming to PCC to demonstrate Samoan cultural traditions such as coconut husking, basket weaving, fire making, and more. The festival will take place in the Pacific Theater on Saturday prior to the evening's events.

If you can't make the event, but would like to see it, PCC has a livestream.com channel and usually broadcasts the performances live. Head to worldfireknife.com and follow the links find the channel.

For more information or reservations, call the Polynesian Cultural Center at 293-3333 or visit www.polynesia.com.

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LOTS OF DISCOUNTS FOR YOU

Wanted to bring your attention to the fact there are a bunch of discounts being offered to our readers at the moment. If you look at the ads throughout the book recently, many of them are offering special discounts for you, our readers, only. MAC 24/7 is still offering 50% Wednesday nights from 11 p.m. to 2 p.m. You can take 20% off of your meal at Noi Thai or Bills Waikiki, and any treatment you choose at NWL Salon. I went there recently. Cute place in the lobby of the Waikiki Grand Hotel, and they did a great job on my nails. Il Lupino is now offering 15% to industry workers. Check out the concierge card, we have a new one for IHOP in there as well. No need to bring the magazine with you for any of these offers. Simply mention you saw the discount listed in the magazine and present your work ID to claim.

KUALOA OFFERS NEW TOURS

Kualoa Private Nature Reserve will introduce two new tours in May. The Taste of Kualoa tour will take guests on a farm-to-table tasting tour that visits their shrimp and tilapia ponds; a fresh oyster farm and drive through tropical fruit gardens all while tasting samples of Kualoa's finest produce, seafood, and beef. The Premier Movie Sites Tour is now also available taking guests behind-the-scenes of many familiar movie sites including Jurassic Park, Godzilla, 50 First Dates, Lost and Hawaii Five-O. Both tours are two and a half-hours and are experienced in a Mercedes van. kualoa.com.

UKULELE EXPERIENCE OPENS

We told you a few months ago that the Polynesian Cultural Center was building a brand new exhibit honoring Hawaii's official state instrument. Well it took a bit longer than first expected, but the Ukulele Experience is now open and ready for the public to stop by and visit. A store and museum in one, visitors will be able to walk through the history of the ukulele, see how they're made, and learn about the impact it has had around the world. The exhibit also honors some of Hawaii's premier ukulele artists and has a special collection of instruments on display. The exhibit is free, but the store offers plenty of music and instruments to purchase afterwards if interested. polynesia.com

SUNSET MELE SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Hawaii Convention Center has changed the schedule for their Sunset Mele on the Rooftop events. The event will now be held every other month, so there will be no event in May. Events will be held in June, August, October and December. hawaiiconvention.com

LEGENDS ROCK-A-HULA GOES DARK ON FRIDAYS

Legends Waikiki Rock-A-Hula has switched what night the show will be dark for the rest of 2016. Effective immediately, Dark Fridays will replace former Dark Mondays. The show remains open 6 days a week. rockahula.com or 629-SHOW

IOLANI PALACE LAUNCHES 3D VIRTUAL REALITY TOURS

Although nothing beats the real thing, the only royal palace on US soil is now using 3D technology to offer virtual 'tours' of the palace from your desktop. Visitors need to simply log onto Iolani Palace's website, click on Visit and go to the Virtual Tour to let your fingers do the walking. Using your mouse or your keypad you can stroll through the various Palace rooms and get up close and personal with some of the artifacts. If you're like me and get frustrated navigating anything via your track pad, you can always press play for a guided tour. iolanipalace.org

PCC FOR FREE

The Polynesian Cultural Center had brought back their Hospitality Special. Now through the end of the month, all hotel, restaurant, ground transportation and airline employees are welcome to come check out PCC for free. the offer will get you and a guest free admission into the Center and into the Ha: Breath of Life Show at no charge. It does not include dinner, but special discounted employee rates are available if you would like to add that. Proof of employment and advance reservations are required. For reservations call 293-3333 or email internetrez@polynesia.com.







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The month of May is all about the M's – Mother's Day Music, Maui-Wowie, Mad Men of Local Comedy, Mod Memories, MAMO fashion, a little on-stage Mental Madness, and a traveler named Mark.

Let's start with Mark. Did you know that Mark Twain spent about four months traveling around Hawaii in 1866 writing a series of letters/columns for the Sacramento Union? These travel stories were later shared with other media outlets of the time and brought Hawaii or rather the Sandwich Isles to the attention of Americans. The spirit of these travels is coming to life at THE ARTS AT MARK'S GARAGE on May 2nd at 7 p.m. with the theatrical presentation of Twain Meets Tita which is an imagined exchange between the 19th Century humorist and a 21st Century local girl with attitude. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain, is played by Twain impersonator McAvoy Layne and the Tita character will be portrayed by Kathy Collins from Maui. Having not seen the play, I'm assuming that the exchange between Twain and Tita will be more entertaining and a better choice than having Twain banter with King Kalakaua, who he did meet during his travels -Twain was 31 and the yet-to-be-king was 30. Funny to think they could have been school mates. The Arts at Marks Garage is mauka of the Hawaii Theatre at 1159 Nuuanu Avenue. Tickets for the show are \$15 at the door. 521-2903.



If these next boys had their way, \$15 at the door would get you a bag of weed and a breath mint. These boys, of course, are *Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong* whose mocking and crazy

comedy is arriving at the **HAWAII THEATRE** on May 5th at 8 p.m. This apparently is their first tour in over a quarter of a century. Cheech's has been busy doing television and films and Tommy did a stint in jail as well as one on *Dancing with the Stars*. I am sure these stories as well as the behind the scenes antics of their nine comedy albums and eight feature films together will be part of the show. Tickets are \$61, \$86, \$111 and \$136.

Cheech and Chong may not be the ideal choice for a mother's day present but if you're mother is into great Hawaiian music then Peter Apo's Mother's Day Kanikapila, also at the Hawaii Theatre, is the place to be on May 8th, which is actually Mother's Day by the way. The 4 p.m. concert, so you can get mother back home before nightfall, features the music of of Jerry Santos, Kuuipo Kumukahi, Del Beazley, Sistah Robi Kahakalau, Jeff Rasmussen and the Peter Apo Band in addition to the ladies of Halau Na Wahine O Ka Hula Na Ka Puuwai, who are mostly grandmothers and dance with a distinctive grace that comes with age. Tickets are \$32 presale or \$37 at the door. This is an ideal stop for your guests who are visiting the Capitol District that Sunday and want to experience

Hawaiian cultural continues at the Theatre during the 10th Annual Mamo Wearable Arts Show

on May 18 at 7 p.m. For those not familiar, this show celebrate native Hawaiian culture, music and fashion. The unconventional fashion presentation showcases Native Hawaiian and Maori artists, cultural practitioners and designers. Tickets are \$17, \$32, and \$57.

Clearly May is a busy month for the HAWAII THEATRE which ends the month with Hawaii funny men Frank DeLima, Mel Cabang and Augie T in the Chance 'Um Tour on May 27th at 7 p.m. a benefit show for B. R. A.V.E Hawaii, a non-profit local organization that brings an anti-bullying message to school-aged youth. Tickets are \$22 general and \$42 for VIP which includes post-show meet & greet, swag, and autographed photo for the stars.

To order tickets for any of the above shows, go to HawaiiTheatre.com or call the box office at 528-0506. If your guests are not able to see any of the productions, don't forget that the theater offers docent lead tours on the history, art, architecture and restoration of the historic theatre which was built in 1922 and proclaimed the "Pride of the Pacific." Tours are Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10, available for purchase on the day of the tour only. For more information, reservations, and special group tours, call 528-0506. Please note that occasionally the docent tours are suspended due to performance or rehearsal schedules. It's always best to call ahead to double check.

The one thing you don't have to call to double check is the fact that there will be nudity in MANOA VALLEY THEATRE'S production of Equus from May 19th through June 5th. The play written by Peter Shaffer tells the story of a psychiatrist named Martin Dysart who treats a disturbed young man conflicted with religious fascinations about horses. The 17-year-old boy was famously portrayed by Daniel Radcliffe in the Broadway and London West End revivals while he was still starring in the Harry Potter film series. The play is very intense and may not be for all audiences, but the multi-layered, complex story will definitely make your guests think about religion, humanity and sexual satisfaction.

Now if sexual passion through horses is not your guest's cup of tea, perhaps a stop at **DIAMOND HEAD THEATRE** to see Neil Simon's 1968 musical Promises, Promises, will fill that cup with enough sugar to give them a diabetic good time. The musical, which has late 1960's pop tunes from Burt Bacharach such as "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" and the title song "Promises, Promises" that were a big hit for Dionne Warwick, tells the story of corporate-ladder-climber named Chuck Baxter who uses his hip bachelor pad as pied a terre for his various bosses extramarital liaisons. Naturally, Chuck falls in love with one of the girls and that's where the fun begins. The show runs from May 20th through June 5th. Thursday, Friday & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday matiness at 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$50 and can be purchased at DiamondHeadTheatre.com or through the box office at 733-0274.

If none of the above theatrical offerings tickle your guests' souls, then I suggest sending them to Sharks Cove! ~ Lance Rae



EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING UKULELE

Invite your guests to the Ukulele Experience, the newest exhibit at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

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Hawaiian music throughout the entire month of May leading up to the Na Hoku Hanohano Awards. Now in its 6th year, this year's celebration will showcase its largest calendar to date of musical performances. They actually kicked off the celebration in early April it will continue through June. The schedule has also been expanded to incorporate special events in Japan and on the mainland. There are over two-dozen events here on Oahu in May, and many of them are not to be missed. Remember, you just can't go wrong, no matter which one you choose as every performance will be presented by Na Hoku Hanohano award-winning and Grammynominated artists.

If that's not exciting enough, this should be. The Grammy Museum Slack Key Guitar exhibit is returning to the island and will be on display at Ala Moana Center in the Mauka Wing (May 1-June 30) with additional pieces on display inside



Makana will perform at the

Bloomingdale's (May 1-May 25). The display is an exclusive collection of artifacts and various historical instruments honoring the Hawaiian slack key guitar and will be open from 12 noon to 5 p.m. daily. To open this special exhibit, Makana will present a free performance on May 1st at 4 p.m. on

Grammy Museum Slack Key the Ewa Wing Stage exhibit opening on May 1st with special guest Lono Kaumeheiwa. Following the performance, shoppers will have the opportunity to meet Makana and purchase his newest album "Music You Heard Tonight" at 5 p.m. inside Bloomingdale's (Cosmetics, Level 1). Ala Moana Center will be keeping the spirit alive all month long by offering Mele Mei entertainment every Friday and Saturday from 5 – 5:45 p.m. Featured artists will include Kamakakehau Fernandez, Kekoa Kane, Mahi ai Kekumu and GJ, Pu'uloa and Pomaika'i Lyman.

Check out all these other events where you and your guests can catch the best in Hawaiian music all month long:

In honor of May Day, the annual Lei of Stars will recognize the 2015 Hall of Fame Inductees by showcasing some of the best in hula and Hawaiian music at a special brunch and concert to be held at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki.

The Royal Hawaiian Center will also hold a May Day Celebration in partnership with Hula Preservation Society. At 4 p.m., the documentary *The Hawaiian Room* will be shown in Helumoa Hale. Created by film maker Ann Marie Kirk of the Hula Preservation Society, it tells the story of a

New York City show that existed from the 1920's until the 1960's in the basement of the Lexington Hotel in Manhattan. It's Hawaiian theme was evident from the food to the band to the entertainment. A few of those dancers are still around, and will be flying in from New York for the documentary. Those ladies will dance in a special performance at 6 p.m. An exhibit with pictures and memorabilia from the Hawaiian Room at the Lexington Hotel will be on display in Helumoa Hale throughout the month of May.

The Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort will be hosting a month long celebration with special performances by Hawaii's best musicians during "Mele Mei Sunday" at Kani Ka Pila Grille. There will be two groups performing every Sunday this month. There will be one performance from 5 – 6:45 p.m. and another one from 7 – 9 p.m. Performers will include Kawika Kahiapo, Ben & Malia, Maunalua, Nathan Aweau, Blayne Asing, Kupaoa, and Kuana Torres Kahele.

Pakele Live! features live Hawaiian music and hula that is live-streamed & recorded for later airing on OC16 TV every Thursday at the Willow Restaurant. Don't miss their Na Hoku Hanohano Nominees preview show on May 26th.

The Halekulani's House without a Key will be featuring special brunch performance every Sunday throughout the month of May.

To help celebrate Mother's Day on May 8th, there are two special concerts to choose from. 22time Na Hoku Hanohano Award winners Na Leo Pilimehana will host a special prime rib and seafood brunch at the Hawaii Okinawa Center at 9 a.m. They will be joined on stage with Female Vocalist of the Year, Mailani Makainai, and the Dalire Ohana will present a special tribute to Aunty Aloha Dalire. Guests can expect music, hula, fashion shows and more. Tickets are \$100 and can be found at naleotickets.com. Later that day, Peter Apo presents a Mother's Day Kanikapila at the Hawaii Theatre with special guests Jerry Santos, Del Beazley, Ipo Kumukahi, Sistah Robi, and Jeff Rasmussen. The show starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$27-\$32 and are available at hawaiitheatre.com.

On Sunday May 15th, stop by the Doris Duke Theatre at the Honolulu Museum of Art for the Music of Hawaii Series featuring Pomaika'i Lyman. 7:30 p.m. Get your \$25 tickets for this performance online at honolulumuseum.org.

All of these events are leading up to the biggest and best night of Hawaiian music of all. The 39th Annual Na Hoku Hanohano Awards will take place Saturday night, May 28th at the Hawaii Convention Center See Hawaiis top artists honored for their achievements in a stellar night of entertainment. Tickets are available for purchase at melemei.com.

With events like these, May is truly becoming one of the most Hawaiian months of all. Be sure to take a few moments to smell the flowers, listen to the music, watch the dancing, and remember what makes Hawaii so special.



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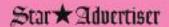


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The Hawaii Food and Wine Festival is kicking off its 2016 event with a taste of what's to come this fall. For the first time ever, they will be hosting an exclusive Connoisseur's Culinary Journey where 15 couples get a completely immersive experience over five days with once-in-a-lifetime experiences with some of Hawaii's top chefs. However, due to its exclusivity and hefty price tag (\$6,995 + tax, but that is all inclusive of hotel, air, etc.) they have decide to culminate this inaugural event with the first annual hukilau

The 2016 Hawai'i Food & Wine Festival Launch and Hukilau Beach Cookout will be held on Friday, May 27th and is open to the public. Held under the stars at the Kahala Hotel & Resort, the event kicks off with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m. and a guests will have a chance to experience a real hukilau, pulling the catch in from the Kahala Beach before the Hukilau Beach Cookout. featuring the creations of 11 of Hawaii's best chefs from $6-8\ p.m.$

Attendees can plan on feasting on Pulehu Hawaii Ranchers Rib Eye with Thai Basil Chimichurri from Roy Yamaguchi, Seafood Boil from Alan Wong, the Halekulanis Vikram Garg will present a paella and Lee Anne Wong will offer Huli Huli chicken. Expect roasted pig from Andrew Le of The Pig and the Lady and a poke bar from The Poke Stop's Elmer Guzman. There will also be more to choose from the Kahala's Wayne Hirabayashi, MWs Michell Karr-Ueoka, Town's Ed Kenney, Chef Mavro, and Mark "Gooch" Noguchi. Serving up the drinks will be Master Sommelier Roberto Viernes and mixologist Chandra Lucariello from Southern Wine & Spirits.

At the event, guests will learn the 2016 line-up of chefs, winemakers and mixologists flying in for this years' event. Remember, organizers have decided to move the festival from late summer to fall, so it will now be held from October 14th to 30th. For tickets and more information about the events, head to their website, HFWFme. ~ Pam

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What started as a side project turned into a two-year labor of love for Hilton's regional director of marketing, Lora Gallagher. She personally tackled all of the research, scouring archives around the world for the proper images and historic references often times well

into the wee hours of the night. It wasn't until she felt she had put her hands on everything she needed did she begin designing every panel. Every picture, every word, every event was put there by Gallagher herself....and the end result is well over a century of pictures and history that will fascinate all that stop by to take a look.

The Hilton Hawaiian Village has a such a rich history that compiling its history from the 1800's until now was no easy feat. Located on the wall of the Tapa Concourse, the 80-foot History Wall is a series of 16 museum-quality acrylic panels that follow the Hilton from it's early years in the late



1800s through today. Certain panels were dedicated certain years or historic moments, like Major Milestones, while others to specific people important to the property, such as Henry Kaiser, Presley and Alfred Apaka. There is

timeline along the bottom of each panel that runs the length of the wall. On the top of the time line are items of interst to Hawaii or to the Hilton Hawaiian Village, while on the bottom of the timeline, there are important Events that took place around the world to make it easy to follow along.

"It is astounding to see the years of research come to life in this beautiful work of art," said Lora Gallagher. "We hope that visitors to the History Wall will learn something new about the unique history of our property as well as gain an enriched appreciation for the many people who have made Hawai'i such a special destination." ~ Pam



Chef's Corner

Noi Thai Cuisine Head Chef Jutamas Kanjanamai

Jutamas Kanjanamai, or Chef Kwan as she is known, moved to Hawaii to become a head chef and open a new restaurant in a new market at the same time! An award-winning chef from Thailand, she moved to the states a few years back to work at the original Noi Thai Cuisines in Oregon. Now responsible for their third restaurant, she is loving the island, and people are loving her food!

What is your first childhood food memory?

When I was about 6 years old, my mom took me to a seafood restaurant in Pattaya. She ordered shrimp cakes. I had never tasted this dish before and it didn't look too appealing to me, but my mom insisted I try it. The first bite I took was like tasting a piece of heaven! The shrimp cakes were fluffy, soft, juicy and also crispy at the same time, and the dipping sauce it came with made it even more delicious. After that, my mom had to bring me to this restaurant every week just for the shrimp cakes!

When did you decide you wanted to be a chef?

When I was in high school, I took a Home Economics class. I discovered that I loved cooking and was pretty good at it.

What was your first job in the industry?

I worked as a chef at the Radisson Hotel in Thailand in 2005.

Who's would you consider your mentor and why?

Chef Somsak Rarongkham, President of Thailand's Chef Association, is my mentor. He was the person who taught me everything I know, and is like a second father to me. He is a boss, a father and a friend, so I am very fortunate.

*Had you been to Hawaii before you came to open Noi Thai?*No, this is my first time in Hawaii. I'm enjoying learning about the local cuisine, as well as the culture and exploring the island.

Did you move here from Thailand to open the restaurant? I actually moved from Bend, Oregon, where I worked at the first Noi Thai Cuisine. I moved to the U.S. prior to that.

How have you found the transition to life in Hawaii?

Hawaii feels like Thailand in many ways so it's been a very comfortable transition. Everyone here is very nice and friendly. The weather is also similar to Thailand, but it is less hot and humid. I really love it here!

What do you like most about living here?

The beautiful ocean!!!

What do you miss the most about home?

I miss my parents, teachers & friends, those who are dear to me.

Describe the best dish you ever remember and why?

Tom Yum is my absolute favorite Thai food. My childhood comfort food. It is well known all over the world due to its complexity and characteristics. It tastes sour, sweet, salty and a bit spicy all at the same time, and has a hint of Thai herbs - kaffir lime leaves, lemongrass, galangal, shallots and cilantro – which makes it flavorful and aromatic. When I make Tom Yum for our guests at Noi Thai, I am creating a dish from my heart!

Tell us your journey to becoming head chef.

Moving to Hawaii to become the Head Chef for Noi Thai Cuisine has definitely been the most exciting and challenging journeys of my life. I took on a huge responsibility to open in a new

market for the company, lead a full kitchen staff and create the menu for a new restaurant. I didn't know who our customers would be, what they would like, or what their palate is, as our customers are very diverse , from locals to visitors from all over the world. I just decided to stay true to what I've learned and serve authentic Thai food. The journey continues as we find out what dishes really appeal to our customers and what tastes we may need to adjust, but I'm happy to see that we are really growing our local following, and visitors who come to check us out for one meal are usually back for at least one other visit during their stay — we've actually had some return for 3 or 4 meals while on their vacation! This tells me we're doing something right.

You won the gold medal in the Thailand Ultimate Chef Challenge in 2013. What is that?

This event is the most prestigious in Thailand, endorsed by the World Association of Chefs Societies, and brings together 500 Chefs from Thailand and other ASEAN Nations to compete and showcase their skills in an intense five-day culinary battle. I competed in the Thai Modern Cuisine division which focuses on authentic food with a modern, beautiful presentation. I prepared a menu that incorporated dishes from all 3 regions of Thailand.

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

I would say cleanliness and organization. In my kitchen, everything needs to be clean and organized at all times.

What is your goal at Noi Thai?

I want Noi Hawaii to be as successful as our first location in Oregon. The concept in Hawaii is more upscale for the ultimate Thai dining experience, while keeping an authentic Thai taste. And by upscale, we don't mean high-priced. We do have our featured Signature dishes, but we also have very affordable fare with many of our patrons' favorite dishes, as well. As far as Nois taste, we feel that Thai food has been westernized and adapted so that it has lost its charm and authenticity. The dishes we serve at Noi are authentic Thai food, with the true Thai taste. In Thailand, we eat our food family-style, and every dish is eaten with rice, whether it is an appetizer, salad, soup or curry. When you come to Noi Thai, you will have a true Thai experience.

Have you had time to try some of the restaurants here?

I enjoy exploring Hawaii's restaurants and really like "678." I like the casual atmosphere and friendly service, along with the food - and we don't have to cook the meat ourselves! I cook enough at work!

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

I like to go to kitchen specialty stores to see the latest kitchen tools, dinnerware, new trends, etc. and get ideas for Noi Thai. You see, the learning and journey never really end – which is what makes being a chef so exciting!

Noi Thai Tom Yum Lobster



Directions:

Ingredients:

800 ml chicken broth

- 3 stalks fresh lemongrass, sliced in 2-inch pieces
- 4 kaffir lime leaves
- 1 thumb-size ginger galangal or ginger, sliced
- 3 tomatoes, sliced into wedges
- 2 red chilies, sliced

and add the lime juice, spring onions and cilantro. Serve hot.

- 2 tbsp fish sauce
- ½ can of mushrooms, rinsed and halved

Serves 4 - 6

- 1 large lobster
- 2 limes, juiced
- 2 spring onions or scallions, cut into short lengths and then into strips
- 1 handful fresh cilantro

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Bring the stock to a boil in a saucepan and reduce to medium heat. Add the lemongrass, kaffir lime leaves, galangal and chilies. Lower the heat to medium low, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Add the fish sauce and mushrooms. Simmer for 5 minutes. Add the lobster and cook until it turns pink. Remove from heat

Lunch from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Happy Hour: 3 - 7 p.m. • Dinner: 5 - 11 p.m.

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MONDAY		The Kristi Masuhara Band 9- Tommy Bahama Restaurant	11pm 923-8785	The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600 Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233	Live Contemporary Hawaiian		Hoʻokani Duo 6:30-8:30m
Contemporary Ukulele	,_,	Kama Kakaio 6-9pm		The Study at the Modern 943-5800
Shaka Madali 5:30-8:30pm		Tropics Bar & Grill	949-4321	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
1	941-6660	Live Contemporary Hawaiian		Alex Oasay & Jeremy Cheng 7:30-10:30pm
Live Contemporary Hawaiian		Acoustik Playground 5:30-8:30pi	m	Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI
Tito Berinobis & David Kauahikaua 6:3	60-9:30pm	TUESDAY		Live Hawaiian - \$2 Taco Tuesdays
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Classic Hawaiian		Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach	924-2233	Sani & Friends 9-11pm Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
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	922-2268	Piano Wine Bar	921-4000	Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
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	955-7383	Live Contemporary Hawaiian		WEDNESDAY
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	923-2311	Classic Hawaiian		Instrumental Ukulele
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Skyler Kamaka		Beau Cody Duo 8-11pm		Paul Wilcox 5:30-8:30pm
DeLima Ohana 5:30 - 8:00pm		Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki	922-2268	Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
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Eric Lee 7-9pm		Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am	077 7000	Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
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LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel Live Contemporary Acoustic Hits	922-0811	Live Hawaiian & Hula by Radasha Ho		Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Johnny Helm 6-9pm		Poʻokela 5:30 - 8:00		Acoustic, Soul, R&B
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Live Contemporary & Light Jazz	,	Live Contemporary Hawaiian		Ellsworth Simeona 9:30-12am
Noly Pa'a 8:30-12:30am		Kamuela Kahoano 7-9pm		Gordon Biersch 599-4877
	926-5222	Kani Ka Pila Grille	924-4992	Jazz Wednesdays
Live Contemporary		Live Contemporary Hawaiian		Varying Artists 6:30-9:30pm
Johnny Helm 6:30-9:30 p.m.		Weldon Kekauoha 6-9pm		Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
,	923-7311	LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel	922-0811	Live Contemporary
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula D	Dancer	Live Contemporary Funk, Jazz, Hip Ho	op & Reggae	Kevin Jones & Wrekt 9-11pm
Dave Watanabe 8-10 p.m.	001 4600	Jason Laeha 6-9pm	022 2211	Saloon Pilots (5/11) 9-11pm
	921-4600	Lewers Lounge Live Contemporary & Light Jazz	923-2311	KAPU (5/18) 9-11pm House Without a Key 923-2311
Live Contemporary Hawaiian			30-12:30am	Live Hawaiian & Hula by Lauren Matsumoto
Jeremy Cheng 5-8pm Signature Prime Steak	949-3636	LuLu's	926-5222	Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:00pm
Contemporary Pianist in the bar	9 7 9-3030	Live Contemporary	J20 J222	Hula Grill 923-HULA
Isao Motomochi 6-9pm		Johnny Helm 6-9pm		Live Contemporary Music
-	979-7590	Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian	923-7311	Brandon Serrano 7-9pm
Live Contemporary	,,,,,,,,	Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hu	la Dancer	Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Yoza 6-9pm		Kapala Duo 6:30-9:30pi		Live Soft Contemporary
-	943-5800	Rumfire	921-4600	Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm
Live Contemporary		Live Contemporary Rock		Jimmy Buffett's at the Beachcomber 791-1200
Alex Oasay 5-8pm		Randy Allen 5-8pm		Live Contemporary Hawaiian
	921-4600	Signature Prime Steak	949-3636	Shawn Garnet 7:00-9:30pm
Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at ?	7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Pianist in the bar		Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Kaʻala Boys 6:30-8:30pm		James Woo 6-9pm	070 7700	Live Contemporary Slack Key
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	TIANA PEAT	
Live Contemporary & Light Jazz	Haumea Warrington 4-6pm	Malu the Band 5:30-7:30pm
Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am	Randy and Kanoe (or others) 9:30-12am	Ellsworth Simeona 8:30-11:30pm
LuLu's 926-5222	Gordon Biersch 599-4877	Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Live Contemporary Funk and Classics	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Jason Lehua 10-12:30am	Acoustic Playground 7-10:30pm	Chris Mercado 6-9pm
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311	Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383	Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321
Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer	Live Contemporary	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Eric Lee Duo 6:30-9:30pm	Kailua Bay Buddies 9-11pm	Nohelani Cypriano 5:30-8:30pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697	House Without a Key 923-2311	
Acoustic & Slack Key Top 40	Live Hawaiian & Hula by Radasha Hoʻohuli	FRIDAY
Dayton Watanabe 6:30-9:30pm	Pa'ahana 5:30 - 8:00pm	Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233
Rumfire 921-4600	Hula Grill 923-HULA	Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Beach BBQ
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	
Alex Oasay 5-8pm	Kamuela Kahoano 7-9pm	Art Kalahiki & Friends 5:30-8:30pm
Signature Prime Steak 949-3636	Hy's Steak House 922-5555	Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600
	,	Piano Wine Bar
Contemporary Pianist in the bar Pierre Grill 6-9pm	Live Soft Contemporary Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm	Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm
r	,	Chart House Waikiki 941-6660
Sky Waikiki 979-7590		Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Live Contemporary	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Mark Yim's Pilikia I 6-9pm
Randy & Kanoe 6-9pm	Jeff Rasmussen & Robi 3-5pm	Mark Yim's Pilikia II 9:30-12:30am
SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234	Kawika Kahiapo 6-9 pm	Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400
Contemporary Classic	LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel 922-0811	Contemporary Hawaiian
Kailua Bay Buddies 6-9pm	Live Contemporary Pop/Rock	Alex or Aku 6:30-9:30pm
Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800	Sunway 6-9pm	Cheesecake Factory 924-5001
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Lewers Lounge 923-2311	Classic Hawaiian
Tahiti Rey & Sean Cleland 5-8pm	Contemporary Jazz	Johnny Helm Duo 8:00-11:00pm
The Edge at the Sheraton 922-4422	Maggie Herron & Rocky Holmes 8:30-12:30am	Dave & Busters 589-2215
Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.	LuLu's 926-5222	Pau Hana Fridays Live Local Bands
Keoni Ku Duo 6:30-8:30 pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Varying Hawaiian Artists 6-8pm
The Study at the Modern 943-5800	Local Uprising 6-9pm	Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki 922-2268
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311	Live Contemporary Hawaiian
Melanie and Drew 6:30-9:30pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer	Maunalua 4-6pm
Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI	Delima Ohana 6:30-9:30pm	Kaiona Duo (5/20) 4-6pm
Live Contemporary - ½ off Wine Wednesdays	Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552	Derrick Lee Duo (5/6) 9:30 -12am
Canoes for Rent 5:30-8:30pm	Live Slack Key	Christian Yrizarry Duo (5/20) 9:30 -12am
Johnny Helm 9-11pm	Jeff Peterson 7:30-10:00pm	Kona Chang Duo (5/27) 9:30 -12am
Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785	Roy's Hawaii Kai 396-7697	Giovanni Pastrami 923-2100
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Acoustic Hawaiian Guitar	Live Acoustic
Kiana Luna 6-9pm	Steve English 6:30-9:30pm	Varying Artists 10pm-last call
Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321	Rumfire 921-4600	Gordon Biersch 599-4877
Live Contemporary Rock	Live Contemporary Rock	Live Contemporary, R&B, Funk
Acoustik Playground 5:30-8:30pm	Johnny Helm 5-8pm	Ben & Malia 5:30-9pm
THURSDAY	Signature Prime Steak 949-3636	Mojo 9 - 12:30am
	Contemporary Pianist in the bar	Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Barefoot Beach Café at Queen's Beach 924-2233	Isao Motomochi 6-9pm	Live Contemporary
Instrumental Ukulele	Sky Waikiki 979-7590	The Fresh Preps 10-12am
Paul Wilcox 5:30-8:30pm	Live Contemporary	House Without a Key 923-2311
Bin1901 at the Moana 921-4600	Tahiti Rey 6-9pm	Live Hawaiian & Hula by Kanoe Miller
Piano Wine Bar	Sunrise Pool Bar at the Modern 943-5800	Hiram Olsen Trio 5:30 - 8:00pm
Scott Smith 6:30-9:30pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Hula Grill 923-HULA
Chart House Waikiki 941-6660	Christian Yrizarry Duo 5-8pm	Aloha Friday Lunch Luau with hula dancer
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	SWIM at the Hyatt 923-1234	David Asing 12:30-2:30pm
Alika Souza Duo 6:30-10pm	Contemporary Classic	Keoki & Russell 7-9pm
Cheeseburger Waikiki 941-2400	Acoustik Playground 6-9pm	Hy's Steak House 922-5555
Contemporary / Old School Rock	The Edge at the Sheraton 921-4600	Live Soft Contemporary
Jeremy Chang 6:30-9:30pm	Live Hawaiian music with a firedancer at 7:30 p.m.	Audy Kimura 6:30-10pm
Cheesecake Factory 924-5001	Christian Yrizzary Duo 6:30-8:30pm	Hard Rock Cafe 955-7383
Classic Hawaiian	The Study at the Modern 943-5800	Live Contemporary
Alika Souza Duo 8-11pm	Live Contemporary Hawaiian	The Fresh Preps 10pm-12am
Tons of Aloha (5/5, 5/19) 8-11pm	Simple Souls 6:30-9:30pm	Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992
Duke's Canoe Club 922-2268	Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI	Live Hawaiian Contemporary
Live Contemporary Hawaiian	Hot Hula Thursdays - hula dancers perform	Christian Yrizzary 3-5pm
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Hoʻokena	6-9pm	
Hikua (5/13)	6-9pm	
LBLE at the Hilton Waikik	i Beach Hotel	922-0811
Live Contemporary Pop/I	Rock	
Sunway	6-9pm	
Lewers Lounge		923-2311
Live Contemporary Jazz		
Maggie Herron & Rocky	Holmes 8:30-	-12:30am
LuLu's		926-5222
Live Contemporary Haw	aiian	
Manoa DNA	6-9 p.m.	
Vinyl Wine	10-12:30am	
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal		923-7311
Live Contemporary Hawa		Dancer
Kapala Duo	6:30-9:30pm	
Michel's at the Colony		923-6552
Live Slack Key Stylings &		
Jeff Peterson & Ernie Pr	ovencher 6:30	-10pm
Roy's Hawaii Kai		396-7697
Keyboardist		
Brian Robert Shaw	6:30-9:30pm	
Roy's Ko Olina		676-7697
Slack Key Guitar		
Chris Rego	5:30-8pm	
Rumfire		921-4600
Live Contemporary Rock		
Tim Rose	5-8pm	
Signature Prime Steak		949-3636
Contemporary Pianist in	the bar	
Grant Carvalho	6-9pm	
Sky Waikiki		979-7590
Live Contemporary		
John Akapo	5-8pm	
SWIM at the Hyatt		923-1234
Contemporary Classic		
Taimane	6-7pm	
The Edge at the Sheraton		921-4600
Live Hawaiian music with	n a firedancer at	7:30 p.m.

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Tahiti Rey	6:30-9:30pr	n
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Chris Murphy	6-9pm	
Tropics Bar & Grill	0 7 P	949-4321
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Scott Smith	6:30-9:30pn	
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Kani Ka Pila Grille

Live Contemporary Hawaiian Walt Keale & Donald Kaulia

6:30-10pm

924-4992

3-5 pm

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Live Contemporary Jazz			
Maggie Herron & Rocky		8:30-	-12:30am
Mai Tai Bar at the Royal			923-7311
Live Contemporary Haw		Hula	Dancer
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Acoustic Guitar			
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SUNDAY

Juke Joint

6:30-9:30pm

Barefoot Beach Café at	Queen's Beach	924-2233
Contemporary Ukulele		
Shaka Madali	5:30-8:30pm	
Chart House Waikiki		941-6660
Live Contemporary Haw	aiian	
Dean & Dean	6-9pm	
Cheesecake Factory		924-5001
Classic Hawaiian		
Chris Murphy Duo	8-11pm	
Duke's Canoe Club W	aikiki	922-2268
Live Hawaiian Entertainı	nent	

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

Henry Kapono	4-6pm		
Typical Hawaiians	•	9:30-1	2am
Kamuela Kahoano (5/15))	9:30-1	2am
Randy Allen (5/22)		9:30-1	2am
Chris Mercado Duo (5/2	.9)	9:30-1	2am
Hard Rock Cafe		ç	55-738
Live Contemporary			
Youth on Stage	12 noon		
Analog (or others)	9-11pm		
House Without a Key		ç	23-231
Live Hawaiian & Hula by Debbie Nakanelua			
Pa'ahana	5:30 - 8:	00pm	

Hula Grill Live Traditional Hawaiian with dancer

Art Kalahiki Duo 7-9pm

Kani Ka Pila Grille 924-4992 Mele Mei Sunday featuring Hoku Award nominees Ben & Malia (artists vary weekly) 5-7pm Nathan Aweau (artists vary weekly) 7-9pm

Kelley O'Neil's 926-1777

923-HULA

Live Irish Music

Various Celtic Bands 4-7pm

922-0811 LBLE at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel Live, Energetic Mix of Pop and Rock Hits

Pushoverse 6-9pm 923-2311 Lewers Lounge

Live Contemporary & Light Jazz

Noly Pa'a 8:30pm - 12am

LuLu's 926-5222

Acoustic R&B

Simple Soulz 7-10pm

Mai Tai Bar at the Royal Hawaiian 923-7311 Live Contemporary Hawaiian with Hula Dancer

Eric Lee Duo 6:30-9:30pm

Michel's at the Colony Surf 923-6552 Classical Slack Key & Jazz Stylings

Jeff Peterson 6-9pm

676-7697 Roy's Ko Olina

Slack Key Guitar

Chris Rego 5:30-8pm

Rumfire 921-4600

Live Contemporary Hawaiian Kamuela Kahoano

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

6 - 9pm Sunway 922-4422 The Edge at the Sheraton

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

Ellsworth Simeona Duo 6:30-8:30pm Meheu Duo (5/22) 6:30-8:30pm

943-5800 The Study at the Modern

Live Contemporary Hawaiian & Jazz Jeremy Cheng 6-9pm Smooth Jazz (vaying artisists) 10-2am

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Tiki's Grill & Bar 923-TIKI Live Contemporary Hawaiian 6-8pm Ellsworth & Piko 9-11pm Tommy Bahama Restaurant 923-8785 Live Contemporary Hawaiian Johnny Helm Tropics Bar & Grill 949-4321

Live Contemporary Rock & Hawaiian Piranha Brothers

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 947-2900 Mai Tai Bar Ala Moana Moose McGillycuddy's 923-0751



Lots of new menus to let you know about this month. **Bills Sydney** has introduced a new happy hour from 3 - 6 p.m. daily. Drinks run from \$3 for beers on tap to \$6 for selected cocktails and several choices inbetween. Check out the Hibiscus Margarita. I was a fan of this refreshing cocktail made with hibiscus lime sour. Happy hour pupu run between \$6 to \$9. They are small plates, but more than big enough to share. The Korean Fried Chicken was good as was the goat cheese with rosemary flatbread, both \$6, but my favorite was the sausage, fennel and ricotta pizza at \$9 There are four pizzas to choose from, but that one made the biggest impression. Their ahi poke was the biggest hit, made with chunks of avocado, pickled shimeji mushrooms, sea asparagus, and toasted buckwheat. Bills is now offering all hospitality workers 20% off with hotel ID, but keep in mind it doesn't apply to the happy hour menu. billshawaii.com. • Next up on the list is Square Barrels located in the old Che Pasta location at Bishop Square has added some winners onto their already great menu. Check out the BB Burger -which is like a kalbi burger with some kim chee flavored vegetables and a poached egg on top. That and their new BBQ Pork Burger topped the list. They also added in an airline chicken and a pork belly dish that were really good. If you're downtown, add this place onto your list. squarebarrels.com. • Morimoto Waikiki has also launched a new menu. They call it their R & D Menu, but it looks like a happy hour menu to me -- without the time restrictions. Before I even get into the food, know the best thing about this menu is that nothing is over \$10. That's almost unheard of for this place, and gives your guests on a budget a way to taste this wonderful restaurants cuisine. They offer three cocktails at \$7 and each one held their own. I really liked the Sunday Brunch one. Made with vodka, yuzu, orangeat, rhubarb and star anise, I could totally see drinking this all day on a Sunday. Guess that's where it got its name. There are eight items on this menu between \$6-\$10. The hamachi tacos were by far the best at \$8, although the Sticky Ribs with tamarind glaze and the Green Tea Soba noodles with Shrimp Tempura were both up there. Both of those dishes were \$10. Personally I wasn't a fan of the salt & pepper duck tongue salad, but that all comes down to personal taste. morimotowaikiki.com. • Last new menu to discuss is the new weekend brunch menu at **Bread + Butter**. They've added quite a few new menu items and made some dinner favorites like the Lobster Roll available during the day. The Pork Belly Eggs Benedict at \$13 was a home run. Big thick pieces of pork belly with poached eggs, hollandaise, breakfast potatoes and a green salad made that dish a clear winner. Of all things, a dish I only tried because of its name was another table favorite. The Chef's "Egg Slut" came to the table as a jar of smoked mashed potatoes with a poached egg on top and toasted baguette strips to dip into the jar. The smoky flavor and creamy texture of the potatoes and runny yolk was surprisingly good, and at \$8.95 it was a steal. Brunch is available from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on weekends. alohabreadbutter.com. • Two new restaurants to mention. There are some rave reviews coming out about a new restaurant in Chinatown called **Fête**. They opened very quietly last month, but their simple one-page menu with items on it such as a kalbi-marinated flank steak served over broken fern fried rice and mung bean sprouts with a over-easy egg on top (\$28) and their Foie Gras Gyoza filled with foie, maitake mushrooms and water chestnuts drizzled with poha berry jam and a soy-balsamic reduction (\$17) are getting people talking. Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday, call 369-1390 or check out their page at fetehawaii.com. • Also just opened is **Avenues** in Kaimuki in the former SALT /Hale Ohuna location. Somehow I didn't hear about this opening until I saw all my colleagues posting about it on social media and I ran out of time to check it out myself. I'll try get there by next month's issue to tell you about it. avenuesbarandeatery.com. ~ Pam

May 8: Mother's Day. If you want to take your mother some place special, book right away. Every place in town is having some sort of special brunch or dinner special and will book up quickly.

May 13: Westin Moana presents their monthly #LoveofLibations interactive beverge event. This month explores the Seasonal Sangria. \$25. Vintage 1901. 5:30 - 7 p.m. 739-8760.

May 20: Friday Night Flights at the Kahala Hotel is moving again due to the HFWF event taking place there at the end of the month. Explore the wines of a particular region wines paired with regional cuisine. \$50++ 6-9 p.m. 739-8760.

May 26 & 27: Stage Restaurant has tenor Keith Purdy, his pianist and 3 of his students performing during a 4-course dinner. \$175. 237-5429

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continuing Events

MONDAY - FRIDAY LYON ARBORETUM TOURS

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDENS

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

TUESDAYS TOURS OF THE HAWAII THEATRE

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

TUESDAYS • KU HA'AHEO

An afternoon of music and hula led by kumu hula Blaine Kamalani Kia. Waikiki Beach Walk Plaza Lawn. 4:30-6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com. FREE.

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 (MAY 18) 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 with food and drinks for sale. Free. Ward Village Information Center Courtyard. 6-8 p.m. wardvillageshops.com.

SECOND THURSDAY (MAY 12) 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 (MAY 19) 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 (MAY 6) DOWNTOWN GALLERY WALK & CRAFT FAIR

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

FINAL FRIDAY (MAY 27) ART AFTER DARK

Art after Dark offers one of Honolulu's hippest events each month. Honolulu Academy of Art. This event is part of April's Plastic Fantastic exhibit at the Spalding House. 6-9 p.m. artafterdark.org.

SATURDAYS KCC FARMERS MARKET

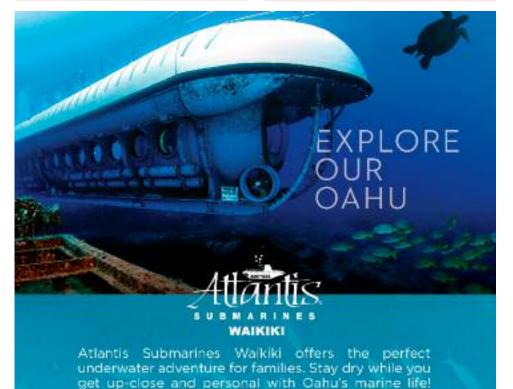
Fresh island produce, seafood, flowers and more are available from over two-dozen vendors at Kapiolani Community College. Free. 7:30-11 a.m. 848-2074.

SATURDAYS KAKA'AKO FARMERS MARKET

The Kaka'ako Farmer's Market hosts an abundance of treats from around our islands. Located between Ward and Kamakee Streets, Free. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 388-9696 or haleiwafarmersmarket.com.

THIRD SATURDAY (MAY 21) HONOLULU NIGHT MARKET

The folks behind Eat the Street bring this monthly art event to Kakaako. Food, art and fashion will close Auahi Street down from Keawe to Coral as



atlantisadventures.com

For info & reservations call (808) 973-9811 or fax to (808) 973-2499





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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

SECOND SATURDAY (MAY 14) DOWNTOWN GALLERY 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.

NA MELE NO NA PUA SUNDAY SHOWCASE (MAY 15 & 29)

Waikiki Beach Walk presents Na Waihoʻoluʻu o ke Anuenue May 15th and Mike Kaawa & Friends May 29th at the Plaza Stage from 5 - 6 p.m. waikikibeachwalk.com.

SECOND SUNDAY (MAY 8) FREE ADMISSION TO IOLANI PALACE

On the second Sunday of each month, Iolani Palace opens its doors to kamaaina guests to visit the historic landmark for free.iolanipalace.org.

THIRD SUNDAY (MAY 15) BANK OF HAWAII FREE SUNDAY

The Honolulu Museum of Art opens its doors to the public free of charge on the third Sunday of every month thanks to Bank of Hawaii This month celebrate the Plastic Fantastic exhibit at the Spalding House by making your own piece of art from materials collected from our beaches. Activities include a performance from the Hawaii Theatre for Youth. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. 532-8700.

MAY 1 • MAY DAY

May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii and visitors and kama'aina alike will be able to smell the fragrance of flowers wafting through the air most of the day. The annual celebration will take place at Kapiolani Park from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. with live entertainment throughout the day.

MAY 1 • MAY DAY WAIKIKI -BEACH BOYS, MEMORIES AND MUSIC

This 3rd annual event will take place on the beach in front of the Outrigger Waikiki from 2 - 4:30 p.m., with Melveen Leed taking the stage at 3 p.m. followed by Henry Kapono at 3:30 p.m. with special guest Brother Noland.

MAY 4, 5, 7, 8 CHAKA KAHN IN CONCERT



The 10-time Grammy winner known as the Queen of Funk is coming to town. Kahn, who has the rare ability to sing in seven music genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music and classical will be presenting a series of concerts at Blue Note Hawaii. Showtimes are

twice nightly at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$75 -\$125. Remember, there is always a 15% discount for kamaainas. bluenotehawaii.com



CHONG IN CONCERT

Yes, you read that correctly. After 25 years, the iconic comedians are back on tour One can only imagine what the years have done to their sense of humor. The world has changed since they last were on the road. Marijuana is now legal in many places

for medicial purposes and Chong spent several years in prison with a well known cell mate, best known for writing The Wolf of Wall Street. The comedic possibilities are endless. Tickets for this one are going fast. \$61-\$136. hawaiitheatre.com

MAY 7 MAY DAY LEI COMPETITION

PCC hosts its annual May Day Lei competition at the Hukilau Marketplace. Everyone is invited. There will be lei making workshops, live entertainment, quilting and ukulele demonstrations and a silent auction. Event starts at 2 p.m. Awards ceremony starts at 6:30 p.m. hukilaumarketplace.com.

MAY 7 LADIES OF THE 80S

It's time for the 9th annual. Ladies of the 80s Mothers Day concert. Join Salt N Pepa, Sinderella, SweetSensation and En Vogue for this special flashback concert event. Tickets: \$55-\$125 7:00 p.m. ticketmaster.com.

MAY 11 SHANE KOYCZAN

This internationally recognized author and spoken word artist creates poetry that belongs to the people and speaks to them in their own voice. Shane performs in multiple mediums: and is known for his powerful performances that has brought aidiences to their feet around the world. Hawaii Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7-\$27. hawaiitheatre.com

MAY 12-14 WORLD FIREKNIFE CHAMPIONSHIP

Some of the world's best fireknife dancers come together for three fiery nights of competition, bringing with them awe and gasps of amazement from onlookers. One of the most exciting cultural competitions visitors can see all year long. Polynesian Cultural Center. polynesia.com.

MAY 14 TOWER OF POWER



This popular band known for their "urban sould" music has been entertaining

audiences around the world for over 50 years. Tickets

are only \$55 each. Blaisdell Arena. 8 p.m. ticketmaster.com

MAY 14 FILIPINO FIESTA

A week of events celebrating all that is Filipino comes to colorful end with a parade through Waikiki starting at Fort de Russy at 9 a.m, culminating at Kapiolani Park where where various food and cultural booths will be set-up showcasing Filipino products ranging from food, artifacts, and more. There will be non-stop entertainment, keiki activities and special guest artists. 10 a.m. thru 5 p.m. fjchamber.org.

SUPER GARAGE SALE

Don't miss your chance to shop this super sale, where dozens of military families sell their extra treasures, and sometimes their big ones for those families leaving our Islands. Over 150 booths to browse through. Richardson Field. 8 a.m. - noon.

MAY 14 NA MELE ALOHA

Mission Houses Museum kicks off its Na Mele Aloha this month. The musical series will explore the meaning of the word Aloha this year throughout the four different events. The first one, Aloha Ali'i will be a concert filled with stories and songs written about the love of the alii and how the commoners expressed their love for their royalty and the deep affection shown in a variety of musical tributes. Chef Mark "Gooch" Noguchi will offer a special menu from Mission for this event. Tickets: \$100 for all 4 season tickets, \$30 each in advance, or \$35 at door. 5:30 - 8 p.m. missionhouses.org.

MAY 18

10TH ANNUAL MAMO WEARABLE ART SHOW

Celebrate an evening of Native Hawaiian Culture, Music & Fashion at the PA'I Foundation MAMO Wearable Art Show. Showcasing Native Hawaiian and Maori artists, cultural practitioners, and designers. this is not your typical fashion show. Hawaii Theatre. Tickets: \$17-\$57. 7 p.m. hawaiitheatre.com

SUGAR RAY AND THE BLUETONES

Sugar Ray and the Bluetones are a Chicago style blues band and they're bringing their version of aid-back and rocking blues to the Hawaii Theatre. Tickets: \$30. 7:30 p.m. hawaiitheatre.com

MAY 20-24 IL TROVATORE

Hawaii Opera Theatre presents Verdi's masterpiece, Il Trovatore. Sung in Italian with English translations projected above the stage. Tickets: \$34 - \$135. Showtimes: Friday, 5/20 8 p.m.; Sunday 5/22 4 p.m.; Tuesday 5/24 7 p.m. 596-7858 or hawaiiopera.org.

MAY 21 • 38TH ANNUAL VISITOR INDUSTRY CHARITY WALK

This one is your event, starting at 7 a.m. at Ala Moana Beach Park. Participants walk through Waikiki for 5.25 miles enjoying delicious bites along the way from various restaurants. If you take any pictures during the day, please send them no later than Sunday night to publisher@oahuconcierge.com so we can include them in the June issue. charitywalkhawaii.org.

MAY 21 WAIKIKI ARTFEST

Check out 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. 808-696-6717.

MAY 22 • 2016 HONOLULU EKIDEN AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 4th annual Honolulu Ekiden returns with its 26.2 mile relay race followed by a music festival at the Waikiki Shell. The race starts at 5:30 a.m. Kapiolani Park and is divided into six legs. The music festival for race participants begins at 5:45 p.m. at the at the Waikiki Shell and features MAGIC!, the Canadian reggae group known for its chart-topping song "Rude" Also joining them is Japanese musical icon Hiromi Go and pop group Scandal. Concert is for race participants only. hnlekiden.org

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Lantern Festival 2016

East meets West at Ala Moana Beach Park on Memorial Day on May 30th when thousands converge into the park for the Annual Lantern Floating Hawai'i Ceremony to send out prayers and remembrances for loved ones who have passed away on the sails of paper lanterns as thousands of ethereal candle-lit wishes float away on the water. This year over 6,000 candle-lit lanterns will be put out to sea at sunset, each bearing wishes or prayers for past loss and hopes for a bright future of peace and harmony.

Visitors and guests are encouraged to join in the ceremony led by Her Holiness Shinso Ito of Shinnyo-en Buddhist Order at 6 p.m., and add their thoughts to the lanterns, releasing their own lantern or that of someone who could not be present. Throughout the ceremony, local and international musicians will perform and special guests will offer words of inspiration. This highly traditional ceremony begins with the blowing of the conch shell, or pu, followed by taiko drums and Hawaiian chants before the grand entrance of the main lanterns. Six large lanterns will carry prayers for all spirits on behalf of everyone. Prayers are offered for victims of war and terrorism-related incidents, natural disasters, accidents, disease and more. The lanterns are then floated with the hope of encouraging peace and harmony. More traditions will then be presented until Her Holiness rings the bell. The crystal clear sound of the bell is to focus everyone's thoughts and prayers and signifies it is time to float the lanterns. At the end of the ceremony all of the lanterns will be collected from the ocean and refurbished for use next year,

There will be several types of lanterns at the event, In addition to the six main ones; there will also be Collective Remembrance Lanterns. These are the original wooden-framed lanterns that were made by Shinnyo practitioners in the early years of the event and are refurbished each year. Remembrances and prayers received ahead of time from around the world and also from those who choose not to float an individual lantern are placed

on these lanterns and floated by volunteers from the canoes and from shore.

A limited number of individual lanterns will be available to the public on the day of the event between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until the lanterns run out. Only one lantern is offered per family or party. There are three sides of the lantern that are made available for writing remembrances, and pens and a quiet space to will be made available to assemble the lantern and write down remembrances. Those receiving an individual lantern will then personally place the lantern into the water to float away during the ceremony

Please do not bring your own lantern to the event. These lanterns have been specially constructed for flammability and to be caught by special lines that will be strung across the water to ensure they do not float out to sea. Lanterns will be retrieved after the ceremony and countless volunteers help refurbish them for use next year. If you would like to help construct some of the thousands of lanterns, please feel free to volunteer your time by emailing volunteer@naleialoha.org or call 942-1848, but please note, those volunteering on the day of the event are not allowed to float a lantern for themselves.

The Lantern Floating Ceremony is a unique and hauntingly memorable event that every local and visitor should attend at one point, if they are lucky enough to be here for it. Participation for this event continues to grow year after year and over 40,000 people are expected to attend this year. With that many people in attendance, it is always surprising how one could actually hear a pin drop at times. This is a deeply emotional and touching moment for all; no matter where they are from or what religion they follow.

For those unable to attend, the ceremony will be broadcast live on Hawaii News Now KGMB from 6:30 – 7:30, and also live streamed on their website. No food or water will be sold at the event, so plan accordingly. For more information, visit www.lanternfloatinghawaii.com. ~ Pam

MAY CALENDAR CON'T

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MAY 22 & 29 INTERNATIONAL POLO INVITATIONAL

The Hawaii Polo Club has kicked off their 2016 schedule, and will be hosting New Zealand in two international invitational tournaments on the 22nd and the 29th. Game starts at 2 p.m., but gates open earlier. Matches are every Sunday throughout the summer. Tickets cost \$12 for entry, and you can bring your own blanket and goodies for the day. \$25 gets a clubhouse day pass, \$45 for a couple. Kids are free. hawaiipolo.org.

MAY 23 • SCANDAL

Scndal is a Japanese Pop girl group that will be in town to perform at the Honolulu Ekiden and Music Festival. That music festival is solely for people that have participated in the Ekiden, so those of you that aren't runners, but still want to see this popular Japanese pop group, head over to The Republik for an all ages show. \$50. 6 p.m. bampproject.com.

MAY 26 • COLLIE BUDDZ

Best known for his single Come Around, this American/Bermudian reggae artist is bringing his show to The Republik for an all ages show. \$25. 8 p.m. bampproject.com.

MAY 27 CHANCE 'UM TOUR

Get ready for local humor at its best as Frank DeLima, Mel Cabang and Augie T join forces for this special presentation. Andy Bumatai was originally slated to perform but had to step down due to his recent cancer diagnosis. A portion of the proceeds will go to support his treatment. Hawaii Theatre. 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$22-\$42. hawaiitheatre.com

MAY 27 MELE AT THE MOANA FEATURING BROTHER NOLAND

The Moana Surfrider continues their concert series, reminiscent of the long-running radio show "Hawaii Calls," under the famed banyan tree until at least July. "Mele at the Moana" features todays most popular performers on the Banyan Courtyard stage. Jimmy Borges was scheduled to perform this month, but due to declining health issues, the talented Brother Noland will be taking the stage in his place. 7 – 9 p.m.

MAY 30 LANTERN FLOATING CEREMONY

The 17th annual Lantern Floating Hawaii is one of the more popular festivals all year long as more than 40,000 people converge at Ala Moana Beach Park to send off specially made candle-lit lanterns into the ocean to honor their loved ones. This is also one of the more picturesque events that takes place each year. Ceremonies start promptly at 6 p.m. and are webcast live at lanternfloatinghawaii.com.

MAY 31 ABOVE AND BEYOND

This British trio known for their production and remix work, as well as their DJ performances, is one of the most successful trance acts of the 2000s. Tickets: \$45-\$125. Waikiki Shell. 6:30 p.m. bampproject.com.

MAY 31 CHRISTOPHER CROSS IN CONCERT

The famed singer, best known for his huge hit "Sailing' comes to Blue Note Hawaii fo rone night only. Showtimes are twice nightly at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$35 - \$75. Remember, there is always a 15% discount for kamaainas. bluenotehawaii.com.





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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

- 923-2311
- •Daily-Hawaiian Music and hula at House Without A Key from 5:30-8pm.
- •Daily-Live Contemporary and light Jazz at Lewers Lounge from 8:30pm to midnite.
- •Sun- Sunday brunch at Orchids features Noly Paa on the piano from 9:30 - 2:30pm.

HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE 949-4321

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

THE KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT

•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.
- •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 923-7311

•TTH- Free guided resort tour at 1pm.

TURTLE BAY RESORT 293-6300

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

WAIKIKI BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT 922-6611

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

MUSEUMS

586-0900

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

IOLANI PALACE

- •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

•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 / \$5 children under 18. BLDG 1792, Midway Road, Kalaeloa Airport. Reservations required. Sat/Sun by appt only. www.nambp.org.

SHOPPING CENTERS

ALA MOANA CENTERSTAGE

955-9517 •Tues - PCC Polynesian Revue Show. 6pm.

- •Sun Keiki Hula Show. 10-11am.

KINGS VILLAGE www.kings-village.com 237-6344

- •MW Famer's Market offering fresh produce, baked goods and local food items from 4-9pm.
- ·Daily King's Guard Museum features a variety of collectibles and memorabilia. 10a-10:30p. FREE.

ROYAL HAWAIIAN CENTER

- 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

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

•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

PAPARAZZI

The Apaka History Wall at the Hilton



Jeff Apaka, who many of you know from his work with the Waikiki Community Center stands in front of the panel dedicated to his father, Alfred Apaka, at the unveiling of Hilton's new History Wall in the Tapa Tower Concourse.

Kiehl's opens at Ala Moana Center



Kiehl's, a premium skin care retailer that began as an Apothecary 160 years ago opened their first store in Hawaii at Ala Moana Center. Shown here untying the maile are store manager Judy Wright & Kiehl's USA President, Chris Salgardo.

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

Lance Rae promoting pedestrian safety



Many of you have been asking where Lancey Poo is lately. He is alive and well and busy as always. If you had participated in this years AIDS Walk you would have seen him with his slipper telling people to be safe and Walk Wise Hawaii!!

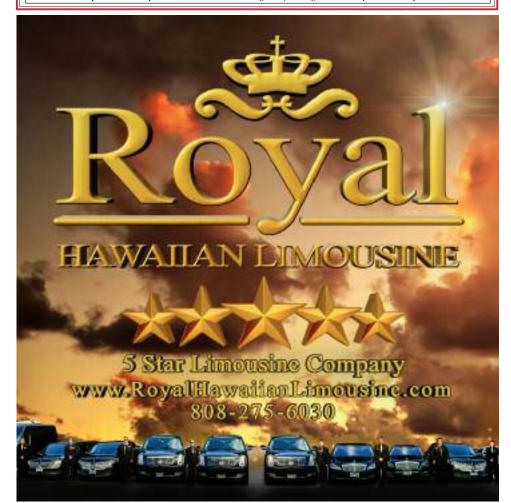
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- Hilo Hattie 25% on Hilo Hattie labeled garments, 15% off other fashions/gifts and 10% off Hilo Hattie labeled foods. Not valid on sale item. Ala Moana Center. Ph 535-6500.
- **Hy's Steakhouse** 25% VIP Discount Off Food And Beverage (up to 2 persons) 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. Valid only at Aqua Palms, 1850 Ala Moana Blvd., 949-4467 and OHANA Waikiki Malia by Outrigger®, 2211 Kuhio Ave., 921-2400.
- Il Lupino 15% discount off food and beverage (not applicable on liquor or specials). Must show hotel ID or business card to receive discount. Royal Hawaiian Center. 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

- Noh Thai 20% discount off food and beverage (not applicable on liquor, happy hour or specials). Must show hotel ID to receive discount. Royal Hawaiian Center, Bldg. C. Level 3. 664-4039
- NWL Nails Wax & Lashes- 20% discount off all services. Must show hotel ID and mention ad in magazine to receive discount. Inside the lobby of the Waikiki Grand Hotel. 922-NAIL (exp. 5/31/16)
 - Pacific International Skydiving Center 50% Discount on Jump, 68-760 Farrington Hwy., 637-7472.
 - 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
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 - **Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House. -** FREE Admission For you and one guest with hotel ID. 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. 739-8888
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Concierge of the Month



NAME: Laurie Ann Henriques HOTEL: Royal Hawaiian Hotel TITLE: Concierge

Q. How long have you been with the Royal?

A. I have been working at The Royal Hawaiian for five years. While participating in an Associate Development Program, I came to shadow the concierge and loved it.

Q. In what capacity did you start with the company?

A. I started my employment with Starwood at The Moana Surfrider as a housekeeper. I was there for 8 years prior..

Q. How big is your team there?

A. At The Royal Hawaiian we have an awesome team of 14 concierges'; two are Les Clefs d'Or:

Q. Describe what makes your team different?

A. Our team is different because of our varying talents, ages and backgrounds; together we offer a wonderful variety and complement each other. "As The Luxury Collection Concierge, we are dedicated to ensuring that each and every guest is able to benefit from world-class concierge services, both while planning a visit and during their stay." Our hotel is also very special because it's rich in history.

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

A. Not enough time to provide each guest with the best service possible without having others inconvenienced by waiting in line, on the phone, or email.

Q. What do you like most about this industry?

A. What I absolutely love most about this industry in Hawaii is The Spirit of Aloha!

Q. You're known for always going above and beyond for your guests. Can you share an example?

A. There are a few. I remember a non-guest in desperate need of getting flower bouquets and table settings for their wedding the following day and they only had a budget of \$150. After no success with florists, I went to Watanabe's for the flowers and Safeway for ribbon, made them myself. The expenses for flowers and ribbons came to be \$146. I also remember a couple who were about to get married saked where they could find "the best" Pineapple Upside cake for their wedding dinner. So I said "well, my mom's is the best"...and my mom actually baked them a cake!.

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

A. It's a tie between a beautiful newborn baby girl who spent her first two weeks here at The Royal and Ms. Holly Stiel. Why? Beautiful baby girl Pua is now special member of our Ohana. Ms. Stiel because she is an inspiration and reminds us that we are artists as concierge.

Q. What's the one question you're asked the most?

A. "How can we go to the North Shore to see the big sur?" We here at the Royal Hawaiian love to map out a North Shore trip for our guests.

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

A. First, I give them my full attention and listen, I then foresee what there next question might be and provide the answer before they ask, and always conclude with, "is there anything else I can help you with?"

Q. What's your favorite thing to recommend to guests?

A. 1 - Aha Aina Laua 2 - Waikiki Beach Boys- private surfing lesson with Nelson Ahina 3 - Makani Kai 45 min, doors off.

Q. What's would surprise people about you?

A. That I am a mother of five and grandmother of seven.

Q. Local girl?

A. I am! Born and raised in Waialae. I spent summers at Cromwells, paddled for Hui Nalu and spent weekend nights at the Waialae Drive-In. I've lived on the Windward side for the past 30 years in Kahaluu at the foot of the Ko'olaus, which is my favorite place on the island.

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