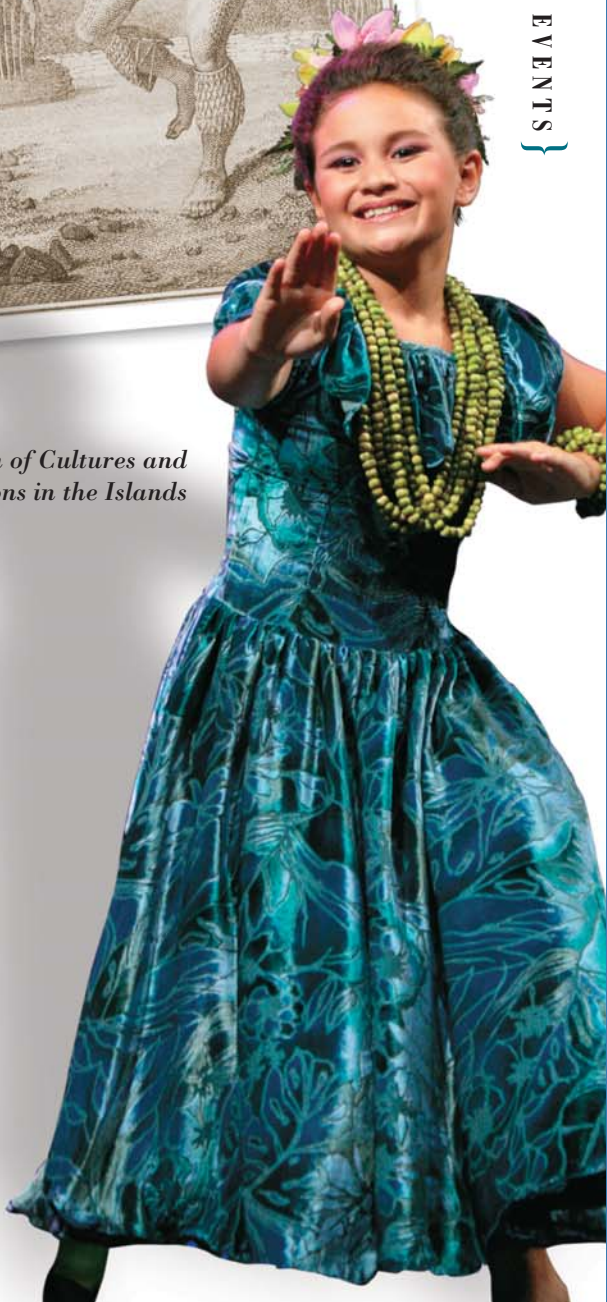




*A Celebration of Cultures and Traditions in the Islands*



## Then and Now: *Hula*

Hula is the art of traditional Hawaiian dance that's been used centuries ago in ancient Hawai'i for religious purposes. Today, hula has evolved into one of the world's most unique dance forms used to tell stories about Hawai'i's rich history and stories of people, places and things. Whether accompanied by an oli (chant), mele (music) or implements, both hula kahiko (ancient) and hula 'auana (modern) are the islands' messages of aloha that have captured the world's attention and continue to be honored today through festivals and events including the Prince Lot Hula Festival and Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition both held in July.



Ipu Heke  
 (Hula implement made from gourds)

In this Summer edition of the Festivals of Hawai'i calendar, you will discover nearly 50 festivals and events statewide that celebrate a wide range of themes in addition to hula such as music; arts and crafts; sports; agriculture; food; and more.

These are the Festivals of Hawai'i, where culture and traditions are celebrated in our islands.

**Then:** In ancient Hawai'i, hula was used as part of religious ceremonies at sacred temples to honor gods. Photo: Hawai'i State Archives

**Now:** Today, hula has expanded all over the world and is danced by kane (men), wahine (women) and keiki (children). Jaedyn Janae Puahaulani Pavao of Halau Ka Lei Mokihana O Leina'ala from Kalaheo, Kaua'i won Miss Keiki Hula in 2010 at the Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition. Photo: Kalihī-Palama Culture & Arts Society, Inc.

## KAUAI

### The Kauai Music Festival

#### Songwriter Conference

July 13 - 16

Kauai Beach Resort, Lihu'e

Learn songwriting from some of the best songwriters in America including GRAMMY® award-winning producers and top music industry professionals. Featuring seminars, competitions, workshops and nightly concerts.

[www.kauaimusicfestival.com](http://www.kauaimusicfestival.com)

### Koloa Plantation Days Rodeo

July 21 - 24, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

CJM's Rodeo Arena, Koloa

Bring your hats, umbrellas and sunblock and cheer on the skilled cowboys and cowgirls as they compete for prizes at this annual competition. Featured events include po'o waiu (cow milking), team roping, double mugging, steer riding, barrel racing and much more. A Friday night concert and stew cookout will kick off the event this year.

(808) 742-6096 or [www.cjmstables.com](http://www.cjmstables.com)

### Koloa Plantation Days

July 22 - 31, 12 p.m.

Various Locations, Koloa

This 26th annual nine-day festival celebrates plantation life on Kauai through more than 20 events including cultural performances, plantation era talks and exhibits, film nights, craft fairs, local food events, outdoor activities exploring the area, sporting events, family activities, ho'olaule'a (celebration), and a historic parade and park celebration.

(808) 652-3217 or [www.koloaplantationdays.com](http://www.koloaplantationdays.com)

### Heiva I Kauai Ia Orana Tahiti

August 6 - 7

Kapa'a Beach Park, Kapa'a

This international Tahitian dance and drumming competition celebrates 10 years and features solo and group competitors from across the Hawaiian Islands. Also featuring Polynesian crafts, food and coconut-husking contests.

(808) 822-9447 or

[www.tikiripolynesianinstruments.com/heiva](http://www.tikiripolynesianinstruments.com/heiva)



Photo: Heiva I Kauai Ia Orana Tahiti

## O'AHU

### O'ahu Farmers' Markets

Weekly

Various Locations

Meet the farmers and food producers of Hawai'i's diverse agricultural scene. Select from a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Plus amazing beef, aqua cultured seafood, baked goods, handmade pasta, local honey, and much more. Visit the Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation's website for locations and times.

[www.hfbf.org](http://www.hfbf.org)

### First Friday Honolulu

July 1 and August 5

The ARTS at Mark's Garage, Downtown

Head to Downtown Honolulu and Chinatown every first Friday of the month and dive deep into O'ahu's vibrant art scene. Each month, you can interact with local artists and artisans sharing their work during a festive night that draws a stylish crowd of visitors and locals.

[www.firstfridayhawaii.com](http://www.firstfridayhawaii.com)

## O'AHU continued

### 12th Annual Te Mahana Hiroa O Tahiti

July 1 - 2, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Polynesian Cultural Center, Lāi'e

Experience the Tahitian culture as the top Tahitian dancers from around the world go head to head in solo and group competitions.

(808) 293-3333 or [www.polynesia.com](http://www.polynesia.com)

### North Shore Swim Series

July 2, 16, 30 & August 13

Various Locations, North Shore

A series of four different swims, the North Shore Swim Series range from 1-mile to 2.3-mile courses and welcome swimmers of all ages and skill levels. Visit the website for the current schedule and locations.

[www.hawaiiswim.com](http://www.hawaiiswim.com)

### Queen Lili'uokalani

#### Keiki Hula Competition

July 7 - 9

Neal S. Blaisdell Arena, Honolulu

Honoring Hawai'i's last reigning monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani, this 36th annual tradition is the islands' longest running childrens-only hula competition showcasing young solo and group competitors in the kahiko (ancient) and 'auana (modern) divisions.

(808) 521-6905 or [www.kpeahawaii.com](http://www.kpeahawaii.com)

### Korean Festival

July 8 - 9, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Kapi'olani Park, Waikiki

This annual event kicks off with a Korean Festival Sunset on the Beach on July 8 featuring a Korean film on Waikiki Beach followed by the festival the following day. Enjoy and experience live Korean dance performances, martial arts demonstrations, cultural exhibits, live entertainment and savor the taste of Korea through many food booths.

(808) 599-0211 or [www.koreanfestivalhawaii.com](http://www.koreanfestivalhawaii.com)



Korean Festival. Photo: Hawai'i Korean Chamber of Commerce

### 'Ahihi Lehua: For the Love of Hula

July 10, 4 p.m.

Hawai'i Theatre, Downtown

Distinguished Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehi Cazimero, Vicky Holt Takamine, Mapuana de Silva, Michael Pili Pang, Maelia Loebenstein Carter and Manu Boyd, will combine talents for an afternoon of 'aha mele featuring dancers and chanters with live music by Robert Cazimero, Kawika Trask & Friends, and more.

(808) 528-0506 or [www.hawaiitheatre.com](http://www.hawaiitheatre.com)

**O'AHU** continued

**Prince Lot Hula Festival**

July 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Moanalua Gardens, Honolulu

*In honor of Prince Lot Kapuāiwa (Kamehameha V), who reigned as King of Hawai'i in the late 1800s, this 34th annual festival features non-competitive hula performances and many other cultural demonstrations, traditional Hawaiian games and more.*

(808) 839-5334 or

[www.moanalua Gardens Foundation.org](http://www.moanalua Gardens Foundation.org)



Prince Lot Hula Festival.  
Photo: Moanalua Gardens Foundation

**Hale'iwa Arts Festival**

July 16 - 17

Hale'iwa Beach Park, Hale'iwa

*Held in the historic Hale'iwa Town of O'ahu's North Shore, the event features more than 140 juried visual artists with original works and limited editions in oil, acrylic, ceramic, photography, sculpture and other media. Also featuring cultural history tours, arts demonstrations and children's activities.*

(808) 637-2277 or [www.haleiwaartsfestival.org](http://www.haleiwaartsfestival.org)



Photo: 'Ukulele Festival Hawai'i

**'Ukulele Festival**

July 17, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Kapi'olani Park Bandstand, Waikiki

*This annual tradition is by far the largest of its kind in the world showcasing 'ukulele artists from Hawai'i and abroad, including an 'ukulele band of more than 800 children. Also featuring food booths, 'ukulele displays and 'ukulele giveaways.*

[www.ukulelefestivalhawaii.org](http://www.ukulelefestivalhawaii.org)

**Rediscover the Waimānalo Country Fair**

July 29 - 31

Waimānalo Beach Park, Waimānalo

*This two-day carnival and fair features thrilling rides and games by E.K. Fernandez Shows; food booths; an open market showcasing Waimānalo products, services and crafts; and performances by local entertainers and groups.*

(808) 259-7342

**Hawaiian Dragon Boat Festival/**

Ala Moana Sunset Cinema

July 30 - 31

Ala Moana Park, Honolulu

*This annual event is rich with culture and color and features teams from around the world that race against each other in festive dragon boats across a 500-meter course. A free outdoor movie on a large 40-foot movie screen follows the race as well as food booths and live entertainment.*

[www.honolulu parks.com](http://www.honolulu parks.com)

**Gabby Pahinui Waimānalo Kanikapila**

August 6, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Waimānalo Beach Park, Waimānalo

*Honoring the late slack-key guitar master, Gabby Pahinui, this daylong celebration is reminiscent of the old days in the 1980s when "jam sessions" would be held at his home in Waimānalo in East O'ahu. This annual event features live entertainment by other Hawaiian artists and is open to the public.*

[www.gabbypahinui.com](http://www.gabbypahinui.com)

**Honoring the Ancients**

August 12, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hale Pulelehua Studio, Kaneohe

*The Hula Preservation Society offers monthly hula workshops for new and experienced dancers to learn about three ancient hula implements: Papa Hehi (Treadle Board), 'Ūlili (Spinning Gourd Rattle), and 'Ohe Hano Ihu (Nose Flute). Try each of them in an authentic hula, learn how they're made, and make your own nose flute.*

(808) 247-9440 or [www.hulapreservation.org](http://www.hulapreservation.org)

**Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival**

"O'ahu-Island Style"

August 21, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Kapi'olani Park, Waikiki

*This 29th annual cultural Hawaiian music festival features more than 15 local slack key practitioners as well as island crafters, food vendors, guitar & 'ukulele exhibition and lots of product prize giveaways throughout the day.*

(808) 226-2697 or [www.slackkeyfestival.com](http://www.slackkeyfestival.com)

**Duke's Oceanfest**

August 24 - 28

Waikiki Beach, Waikiki

*Celebrate the birthday of Hawai'i's legendary Duke Kahanamoku, the king of surfing, in true Waikiki style! Participate or spectate in a series of ocean sports including longboard surfing, surf polo, swimming, stand up paddling and paddle boarding. The event culminates with a lei draping ceremony of the Duke Kahanamoku statue.*

(808) 545-4880 or [www.dukefoundation.org](http://www.dukefoundation.org)

**MAUI**

**Wailuku First Friday**

July 1 and August 5

Market Street, Wailuku

*Come to Market Street every first Friday of the month for live music, local food, art, a poetry slam, and so much more. Willie K. is the headlining entertainer in July.*

(808) 244-8760 or [www.facebook.com/WailukuFirstFriday](http://www.facebook.com/WailukuFirstFriday)

**Maui Invitational Music Festival**

July 1 - 2, and 4

Wailuku and Lahaina

*The community concert series features blues and jazz music performed in Wailuku by well-known artists from Hawai'i and the U.S. Mainland. On July 4 it moves to Lahaina for the Independence Day celebration, with a concert in the park by Maui Community Band, followed by a fireworks show. Check website for locations.*

[www.aecg.org](http://www.aecg.org)

**Lāna'i Pineapple Festival**

July 2, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dole Park, Lāna'i City

*Join the 19th annual celebration of Lāna'i Island's pineapple plantation heritage. Featuring free entertainment, exhibits, activities for children, and many food booths.*

(808) 559-0200 or [www.lanaipineapplefestival.com](http://www.lanaipineapplefestival.com)

**Theater on the Isle**

July 8 – 31

**‘Iao Theater, Wailuku**

*The historical ‘Iao Theater presents a season of community theater productions. July’s special production is “Chicago The Musical” by John Kander and Fred Ebb.*

(808) 242-6969 or [www.mauionstage.com](http://www.mauionstage.com)

**North South East West Festival**

July 9 and 16, 7:30 p.m.

**Various Locations**

*Enriching the community and educating the public with new music concerts and multimedia events, the festival commences with a performance by Chicago-based*

*Duo Diorama. The second concert features a Battle of the Pianists featuring classical and contemporary music for multiple pianos. Visit the website for venue and schedule information.*

(808) 876-1854 or [www.ebbandflowarts.org](http://www.ebbandflowarts.org)



Photo: North South East West Festival

**Poi Dog at Schaefer Gallery**

July 10 - August 20

**Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Kahului**

*Five Maui artists, Pat Matsumoto, Darrell Orwig, Nancy Skrimstad, Michael Takemoto and Sidney Yee, will approach the concept of multi-ethnic roots and share their insights into individual histories to investigate ancestry, racial barriers and identity.*

(808) 242-7469 or [www.mauiaarts.org](http://www.mauiaarts.org)

**Maui OnStage ONO Series at**

**‘Iao Theater**

July 11 and August 8, 6:30 p.m.

**‘Iao Theater, Wailuku**

*The historic ‘Iao Theater features free play readings, concerts, comedy nights and poetry slams every second Monday of the month.*

(808) 242-6969 or [www.mauionstage.com](http://www.mauionstage.com)

**Hawaiian Music Series**

July 14 and August 11

**Front Street, Lahaina**

*Pull up a beach mat and join us on the lawn of the Baldwin Home Museum for live Hawaiian entertainment and hula performances every second Thursday of the month.*

(808) 661-3262 or [www.lahainarestoration.org](http://www.lahainarestoration.org)

**Nā Hōkū Hou**

July 16

**Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Kahului**

*This concert presents the winners of the Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, the islands’ premier music awards that honor the best in Hawaiian music.*

(808) 242-7469 or [www.mauiaarts.org](http://www.mauiaarts.org)

**Summer Under the Stars**

August 5 - 21

**Maui Tropical Plantation, Wailuku**

*Enjoy a cool evening under the stars at the Maui Tropical Plantation as the Maui Academy of Performing Arts presents the musical Damn Yankees.*

(808) 244-8760 or [www.mauiaacademy.org](http://www.mauiaacademy.org)

**Hawaiian Cultural Programs & Botanical Tours/Cordage Making Workshop**

August 6, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Kahului**

*Ethnobotanist Cathy Davenport will discuss traditional Hawaiian uses of cordage and teach you how to make it from hau tree bark in this hands-on workshop. Weekly tours of the botanical garden showcase native plants valued for food, medicine and cultural use.*

(808) 249-2798 or [www.mnbg.org](http://www.mnbg.org)

**Aloha Spirit Ho‘olaule‘a: Traditions of Hawaiian Music & Worship in East Maui**

August 13

**Hasegawa Fairgrounds, Hāna**

*Hāna Cultural Center’s annual Ho‘olaule‘a celebrates the music, worship and cultural traditions of East Maui with displays, family entertainment, food and aloha.*

(808) 248-8622 or [www.hanaculturalcenter.org](http://www.hanaculturalcenter.org)

**Maui Photo Festival & Workshops**

August 24 - 28

**Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa, Lahaina**

*The event features a blend of classroom sessions, location shoots, real-world assignments, demo and hands-on opportunities and photo excursions led by professional photographers. A series of event-long photo competitions for both amateurs and pros will be conducted.*

(808) 633-1339 or [www.mauiphotofestival.com](http://www.mauiphotofestival.com)

**HAWAII**

**NELHA Presentations & Tours**

Ongoing

**NELHA, Kailua-Kona**

*The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai‘i Authority (NELHA) operates a unique and innovative ocean science and technology park in Kailua-Kona and offers presentations, tours and tastings of its deep seawater abalone farm.*

(808) 329-8073 or [www.nelha.org](http://www.nelha.org)

**Palace Theater’s Hawaiiana Live**

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**Palace Theater, Hilo**

*Every Wednesday, the historic Palace Theater hosts a 45-minute cultural tourism program featuring live on-stage presentations that share the history and traditions of the Hawaiian culture through storytelling, film, music, chanting and hula.*

(808) 934-7010 [www.hilopalace.com](http://www.hilopalace.com)

**Palace Theater’s Presenting Season**

Ongoing

**Palace Theater, Hilo**

*In its 10th season, the historic Palace Theater offers 38 diverse and authentic cultural events highlighting Hawai‘i’s performing artists and its filmmakers. Visit the website for the current schedule.*

(808) 934-7010 [www.hilopalace.com](http://www.hilopalace.com)

**The Art & Traditions of Hula at Kīlauea**

Ongoing

**Volcano Art Center, Volcano**

*The Volcano Art Center at the Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park features monthly hula kahiko (ancient) performances, ‘ukulele lessons and hands-on cultural demonstrations. Visit the website for the current schedule.*

(808) 967-7565 or [www.volcanoartcenter.org](http://www.volcanoartcenter.org)

**Hawai'i Performing Arts Festival**

June 24 - July 15

Various Locations, Waimea

*This popular series of two-dozen mostly free concerts brings together talented students with renowned artists in a variety of venues and settings around Hawai'i Island. Includes opera, classical, chamber, baroque, vocal, cabaret, theatrical and instrumental performances.*

(808) 881-4024 or

[www.hawaiiperformingartsfestival.org](http://www.hawaiiperformingartsfestival.org)



Hawai'i Marlin Tournament Series.  
photo: Jody Bright

**Hawai'i Marlin Tournament Series**

July 2 - 3, 8 - 10, and 15 - 17

August 5 - 7, 13 - 14

Various Locations

*Kailua-Kona hosts the world's largest and only game fishing tournament series with national television coverage. Visit the website for the current schedule and locations.*

(808) 557-0908 or [www.konatournaments.com](http://www.konatournaments.com)

**Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park**

**Cultural Festival**

July 9, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Volcano

*Every summer this festival perpetuates Hawaiian culture and promotes the appreciation of traditional values. Featuring live Hawaiian entertainment, hula performances, cultural demonstrations, games and food.*

(808) 985-6000 or [www.nps.gov/havo](http://www.nps.gov/havo)

**Big Island Hawaiian Music Festival**

July 9 - 10

Afook-Chinen Hilo Civic Auditorium, Hilo

*Enjoy authentic live Hawaiian music including 'ukulele, slack key, steel guitar and falsetto singing at this 22nd annual two-day event featuring revered local artists from around Hawai'i.*

(808) 961-5711 or [www.ehcc.org](http://www.ehcc.org)

**Aloha Saturdays**

July 16 and August 20

Kalakaua Park, Hilo

*The East Hawai'i Cultural Center presents a special program every third Saturday promoting Hawai'i's people, traditions and heritage. Elements include Hawaiian music, hula, arts and crafts, and food to provide visitors and locals with a unique and authentic experience.*

(808) 961-5711 or [www.ehcc.org](http://www.ehcc.org)

**Hawai'i Healing Garden and Mango Festival**

July 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort, Kailua-Kona

*The delicious mango takes center stage at this festival with tastings, recipes, tree sales and other mango-themed activities. The event also features cultural healing arts displays, presentations, eco fashion show, healthy food, Hawaiian music and more. Free.*

(808) 638-0888 or [www.hawaiihalingarden.com](http://www.hawaiihalingarden.com)

**Hilo Orchid Society Show & Sale**

August 5 - 7

Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, Hilo

*This 59th annual show, themed "Orchid Safari", is the largest orchid show in the islands and one of the largest in the United States. It features elaborate orchid displays and installations; lectures on orchid culture, flower arrangement, plant pests and plant diseases; and a sale area with orchid plants.*

(808) 333-1852 or [www.hiloorchidsociety.org](http://www.hiloorchidsociety.org)

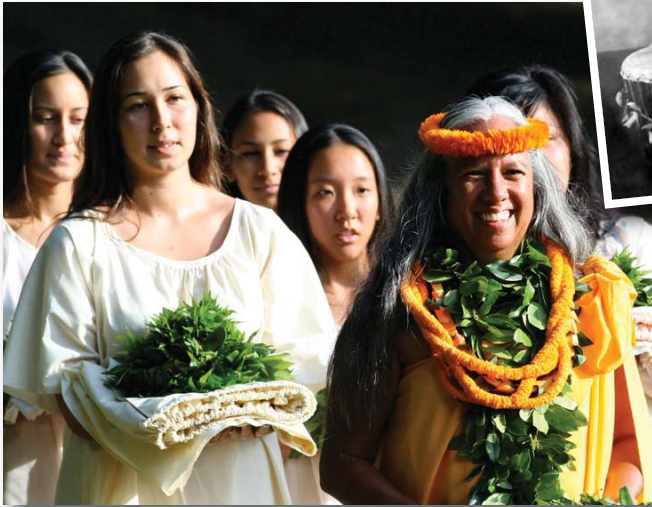
**Hawai'i Island Festival: 30 Days of Aloha**

August 27 - September 17

Various Locations

*A month-long celebration of Hawaiian culture and tradition featuring a series of events including Royal Court Investiture, Miss Aloha Nui Competition, poke (raw fish) and falsetto competitions and paniolo (cowboy) parade. Visit the website for events, current schedule and locations.*

[www.hawaiiislandfestival.org](http://www.hawaiiislandfestival.org)



**THEN:** The late Maiki Aiu Lake is one of Hawai'i's beloved and revered kumu hula who played an influential role in revitalizing participation and interest in hula and Hawaiian culture in the 1970s, a crucial period known as the Hawaiian Renaissance.

Photo: Karen Aiu/Maiki Aiu Foundation

**NOW:** Māpuana de Silva was one of more than 40 students who graduated from Maiki Aiu Lake's Hālau Hula O Maiki as Kumu Hula. Today, de Silva continues the teachings of her late kumu through her own hula school, Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima, with about 300 male and female students ranging from children to seniors.

Photo: Khei de Silva

# MAHALO!

Every effort has been made to include current information. Please accept our apologies should there be an omission. For a complete and current listing of Festivals of Hawai'i, visit [www.gohawaii.com](http://www.gohawaii.com).



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