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Waikiki Gears Up to Host the 2008 International HULA CONFERENCE

From November 13-15, 2008, hula enthusiasts from around the world will gather to learn from hula masters in the land where the dance originated

In what is billed as the largest hula conference in Hawaii history, the Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) is leading a specialized team in presenting a hula conference in November that will attract hundreds of participants from around the world.

International Waikiki Hula Conference attendees will choose from among 128 classes offered by 42 noted kumu hula (hula masters) and Hawaiian cultural experts over three days. Classes include both modern and ancient dance, costume, lei-making, Hawaiian language, chant, history, songs, music and implement-making – for beginners as well as experts.



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In addition, conference attendees will have the opportunity to perform a hula they have learned, as guest artists in public hula shows throughout Waikiki. These “Ho`ike Hula Shows” will be presented by conference sponsors Hilton Hawaiian Village, International Market Place, Outrigger Beachwalk Fountain, ResortQuest Hawaii, Royal Hawaiian Center, Sheraton Princess Kaiulani, Waikiki Beach Marriott and Waikiki Shopping Plaza on Thursday and Friday nights, Nov. 13 and 14.

According to conference producer Marnie Weeks, “For visitors, the International Waikiki Hula Conference offers the rare opportunity to come to Hawaii to learn, share and experience the hula firsthand, in the land of its birth. For our local hula dancers, it is a chance to enrich their hula experience from many sources at one event, and meet dancers and kumu hula from around the world. The hula shows are their chance to share what they have learned.”

The closing event for the conference will be a concert hosted by “Sunset on the Beach” on Saturday Nov. 15. It will feature Hawaiian music by Ho`okena, Na Leo and Na Palapalai, with hula from conference kumu hula and participants throughout. It will be open to the public.

The conference, now in its second year, will take place in the state-of-the-art Hawaii Convention Center. The conference package includes:

- 3 full days of workshops and seminars
- A chance to perform a hula in one of ten professional Waikiki hula shows
- Opening Ceremonies
- Luncheon music and hula programs, with \$15 of meal coupons
- Closing Concert at “Sunset on the Beach” with Ho`okena, Na Leo, and Na Palapalai
- Hawaiian Products Vendor Mall
- Free transportation to and from the nearby Waikiki hotel district



Hula class from 2007

“WIA supports bringing the true host culture back to Waikiki, as today’s visitors are seeking a deeper knowledge of Hawaii’s culture and history,” says WIA president Rick Egged, who spearheads the conference production team. We produced the first International Waikiki Hula Conference last November, with hundreds of attendees coming from all over Hawaii and the world to learn from our master Hawaiian cultural practitioners in the land of hula’s birth. It was a most enriching experience for all involved.”

The 2008 International Waikiki Hula Conference takes place from November 13-15. The fee to participate in the conference is \$350, with a Hawaii resident rate of \$250. Group rates were also offered.

Convenient registration with class selection is available online, with English and Japanese sites, at www.waikikihulaconference.com. Registration closed on October 31, 2008. Sponsor hotels are offering special conference rates, which are outlined on the website.

For more information, visit the website, or email kazuko@waikikiimprovement.com, or call 808-923-4151. The International Waikiki Hula Conference is a non-profit project of the Waikiki Improvement Association.



Ho`ike from 2007



Uli Uli class from 2007

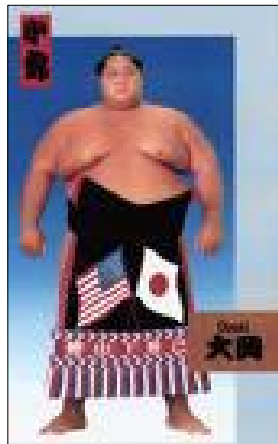
Waikiki Beach Walk® Presents Hawaii-born Konishiki in a HOT H-POP Concert

WHAT: HOT Hawaiian Reggae concert and autograph session

Hawaii-born Saleva'a Fuauli Atisano'e, better known as Konishiki, will make a special appearance this Sunday on the Plaza Stage at Waikiki Beach Walk. This retired champion sumo wrestler turned recording artist and record producer will perform and sign autographs together with artists from his H-POP Label.



After a prominent sumo-wrestling career in Japan, Konishiki turned his love of music into a second career and has become a well-known member of Hawaii's music scene. With musical experience from singing in Hawaii and composing albums, Konishiki, together with a few business partners, established a music company called LOST COAST SOUND, which presents a new vibe of music in town. It is not Hawaiian music nor can it be categorized as Jawaiian, Local, R&B, or Hip- Hop. We have heard the sounds of the West Coast, the East Coast, and the Dirty South. Now it's time to present the LOST COAST SOUND coming straight out of Hawaii with Konishiki and artists Alga Save, Jabots, Silos, and Kiwanis Vita.



WHEN: Sunday, November 9, 2008
2:30 – 3:20 pm – Musical Performances
3:45 – 4:15 pm – Autograph Session and CD sales

WHERE: Plaza Stage at Waikiki Beach Walk,
226 Lewers Street

PARKING: Valet parking for up to four hours is available for \$6.00 at the Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk (201 Beachwalk) and the Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Waikiki Beach Walk (227 Lewers Street), with any same-day purchase from any Waikiki Beach Walk merchant.

SeñorFrog's Taco 2sdays

Señor Frog's Honolulu, located in the Royal Hawaiian Center, launched SENOR FROG'S TACO 2sDAYS

WHO: Open to everyone.

WHAT: SENOR FROG'S TACO 2sDAYS features:

- \$2/ 2 delicious tacos
- \$2 Bud Light Tap (10 oz)
- \$2 Margaritas (10 oz)
- \$2 all soft drinks
- DJ, music, karaoke, contests & prizes, and more!
- 4 hour FREE PARKING at Royal Hawaiian Center (thru Nov. 30, 2008)

WHEN: Every Tuesday
Started November 4th 4~7 p.m.

WHERE: Senor Frog's, Royal Hawaiian Center,
3rd Level

HOW: No reservations, just first-come, first-served. Call Senor Frog's at 440-0150 if you need more info.

Señor Frog's (www.senorfrogs.com) offers delicious Mexican & American Cuisine, has 3 bars, and a fun, party atmosphere – and as the venue for the most fun company and birthday, shower, graduation, anniversary and holiday parties, as well!

Open daily from 11:30 a.m. and closes at 4:00 a.m., the restaurant recently introduced free wireless internet with any purchase.

Every Sunday is our Keiki Party 6~8 p.m. with inflatable jumper, kid-friendly music, dancing, games and activities.

And, every night is party night with DJs, karaoke, and live music on the weekends.



**Señor
Frog's**
Restaurant • Bar • Clothesline

Halekulani Unveils 2008 Ultimate Dinner featuring Louis XIII De Remy Martin

La Mer at Halekulani has held the distinction of being Hawaii's only AAA Five Diamond award-winning restaurant for 19-consecutive years. The decadent dining continues with the unveiling of its 2008 Ultimate Dinner, featuring Louis XIII de Remy Martin. Exclusively at La Mer, the Ultimate Dinner is available November 1 – December 30, 2008; with Remy pairing at \$190 per person (\$150 without). A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Hawaii Foodbank. Michelin-starred Yves Garnier, Chef de Cuisine of La Mer, has created a masterful nine-course menu featuring:



LA MER - 2008 Ultimate Dinner, Featuring Louis XIII de Rémy Martin

Croustillant of Lobster with Aquitaine Caviar
Croustillant de Homard au Caviar d'Aquitaine en Gelée Persillée

Red Mullet on an Artichoke Terrine, with Compote of Tomato, Fennel and Saffron
Poêlée de Filet de Rouget sur une Terrine à l'Artichaut,
Compote de Tomate et Fenouil Safranée à l'Huile d'Olive

Hamachi Medallion "Meunière" with Risotto and Chanterelle Mushrooms
Médaille d'Hamachi Sauté Meunière,
Sauce Douce en Risotto, Poêlée de Chanterelles

Tatin of Foie Gras on Mango with Lavender Honey
Tatin de Foie Gras au Mangue et au Miel de Lavande
Sorbet with Rémy Martin
Sorbet au Cognac Rémy Martin

Sautéed Veal Sweetbread à la Grenobloise
Ris de Veau Sauté aux Capres et au Citron Façon Grenobloise

Tournedos of Venison with Chestnut Mousseline and Grand Veneur Sauce
Tournedos de Chevreuil en Mousseline de Marron, Sauce Grand-Veneur

Selection of French Cheeses
Sélection de Fromages Français, Présentés à Votre Table

Dessert Variation "La Mer"

Taste of Rémy Martin Louis XIII

Menu for the entire table.

Rémy Martin Ultimate Dinner Menu with Tasting \$190 / without Tasting \$150

First seating is at 6:00 p.m. Ultimate Dinner is served until 9:00 p.m., nightly.

La Mer attire is long-sleeved collared shirt or jacket required for gentlemen.

Reservations Available at (808) 923-2311, ask for Dining

Ocean Awareness Training for O'ahu

Marine conservation organizations are joining together to offer a special Ocean Awareness training on O'ahu. Don't miss your chance to take part in this six-session course, which will provide multi-disciplinary knowledge of Hawaii's unique marine environment. The training is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. The Ocean Awareness Training is recommended for those volunteering or working in the field of marine education or tourism or for those interested in doing so. Over ten organizations have come together to offer this training and by participating you will learn more about current ocean conservation efforts and find out how you can get involved.

This program is modeled after a program that began on Maui in 2006. The first training on O'ahu will cover various topics including marine mammals of Hawai'i and coral reef biology and ecology and will also teach participants essential interpretive skills.

Training Topics include: Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles, Hawaiian Culture, Oceanography & Geology, Hawaiian Reef Organisms, Coral Reef Biology & Ecology, Water Quality, and Marine Debris,

Participants are required to attend each of the six sessions and take part in one field project in order to receive C.O.R.A.L. certification (Care of our Culture, Oceans, Reefs and Animal Life). Field Project options will include: Reef Surveys, Sea Turtle and Monk Seal Interpretation, Marine Mammal Data Management, and others. Field projects will be offered on Saturdays in November.

Schedule:

Classes will be Monday and Tuesday evenings, November 10 - 25, 2008, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

A graduation potluck will be held on Saturday, Dec 6, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Don't miss your chance to learn more about the marine species that call Hawai'i home and find out how you can become more involved in supporting local marine conservation and stewardship efforts.

Register today by calling 397-2651 ext. 249 or by emailing oceantraining@gmail.com.

"Holiday Craft Fair at the Hyatt," November 14

Over 75 local craft vendors will showcase their products at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa on Friday, November 14 from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. All items hand-made in Hawaii, these 75 vendors will be displayed throughout the 1st and 2nd floors of the Great Hall Atrium and the Leahi Ballroom. While enjoying these local crafters, share in our Aloha Friday event with free lei making, Polynesian fire dance, hula dancing and live entertainment.

This craft fair and many other Hawaiian cultural events at the Hyatt is coordinated through "Ho'okela". Ho'okela is a program created and made up of a group of Hyatt employees whose purpose is to promote and perpetuate Hawaiian awareness within the hotel to be shared with employees and guests. Originally started in 1995, the meaning of Ho'okela is "*to excel in what we do*".

David Lewin, general manager of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa said, "The culture and spirit of the islands and its people is the essence of our future. We are proud to have our Ho'okela group spearhead this event."

For more information about the Holiday Craft Fair or Aloha Friday, please call the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa at 808-923-1234

Waikīkī Community Center Upcoming Events

Nov. 10 & 12 (Mon/Wed.) - AARP Safe Driving, 9am-1pm, Chapel, \$10. Register at office soon.

Nov. 11 (Tue.) - WCC Closed—Veteran's Day

Nov. 12 (Wed.) - Tai Chi w/Stuart Robson, new session. 9-10 a.m., lawn. \$15/\$25 till 1/14.
Register today

Nov. 19 (Wed) - Holistic Living, Wheat Grass Center w/Wayne Fukuda at 10:-11:30 a.m. Aud., free

Nov. 21 (Fri.) - Holiday Decorative Ipu with Syl Kop, 10-12:00 p.m. in Chapel. \$10/\$15.

Waikīkī parade watch (courtesy of the City)

November 9, 2008 Sunday

5:00AM Starts

9:30AM Ends

VAL NOLASCO MEMORIAL HALF MARATHON sponsored by Mid Pacific Roadrunners Club. The event is expected to have 1,200 runners. It will start at Kalakaua Ave., mauka side Queen Kapiolani Park, to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Waiālae Ave., to Kalanianaʻole Hwy., turnaround near W. Hind Dr., to Kealahou St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Queen Kapiolani Park Bandstand/Hon Marathon Finish Line. Contact: Boca Hawaii-Raul Torres or Siul Michel 223-2622, E-mails: info@bocahawaii.com or 808Race@gmail.com For more info, visit their website: www.bocahawaii.com

Waikīkī Hula Show at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows are **performed nightly except Mondays**, 6:30PM – 7:30PM, by Hawaii's finest hula hālau (troupe) and Hawaiian performers at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound, near Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside Uluniu & Kalākaua Ave. in Waikīkī.

These are outdoor performances with seating on the grass or on beach chairs or beach mats. Cameras are welcome.

Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development (843-8002) and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. FREE. Schedule subject to change without notice.

For November

Mondays: No show

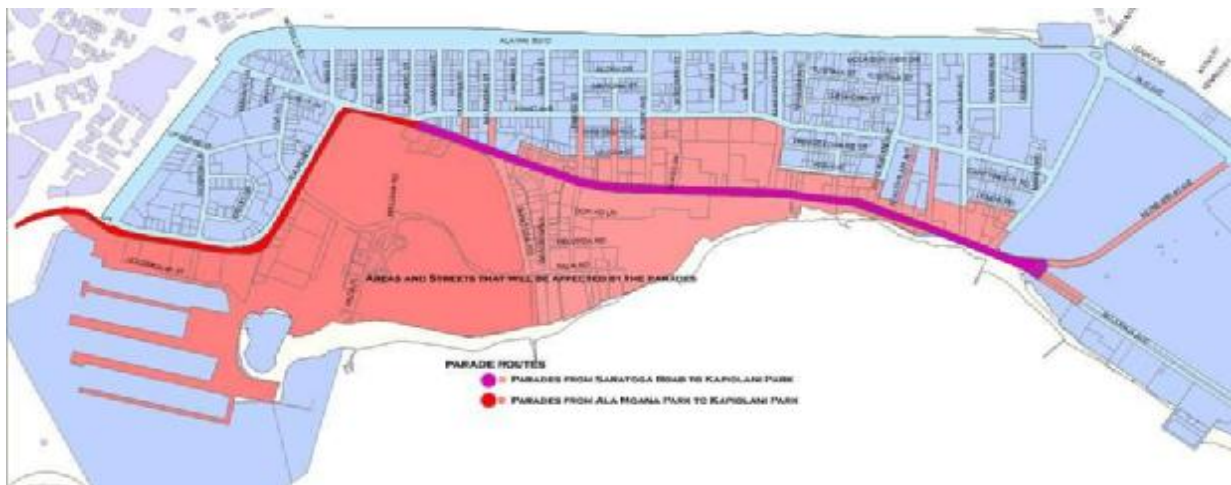
Tuesdays and Thursdays: Joan "Aunty Pudgie" Young and Puamelia (No Show on Thanksgiving)

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Hula Halau Ka Liko Ka Palai

Fri Nov 7 – Moana Chang and Aloha Boat Days Show

Sat Nov 8 – Coleen Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sun Nov 9 – Colsen Kanei and Halau Kawaianuhealehua



The above is based on the most current information available from the event organizers as of the date of this publication. For more information, call the Department of Transportation Services, 808-527-6009.



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