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Hilton Hotels Corporation Announces Waikikian Development Plans

Hilton Hotels Corporation has announced that it plans to move forward with the next phase of the master plan of Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach @ Resort & Spa. The Waikikian development project will include a 39-story tower, pool, restaurant, sidewalk café and retail shops and will be located at the site of the former Waikikian Hotel. Also a part of the project will be the restoration of Hilton Hawaiian Village's oceanfront lagoon.

The new tower will house 350 vacation ownership units. Hilton has stepped up this project due to brisk sales for Hilton Grand Vacations Club units in its Lagoon Tower.

"I am pleased that we are moving forward on this exciting project," said WIA vice chair Peter Schall, senior vice president of Hilton Hotels Corporation, Hawaii Region and managing director of Hilton Hawaiian Village. "The addition of the tower and its restaurant, walking paths and retail space will enhance the area for our neighbors and, at the same time, create hundreds of jobs," added Schall, who has been involved in the project from its inception.

The old Waikikian Hotel will be demolished some time between April and June of this year in preparation of the construction of the tower. In addition, Dewey Lane, which runs in between the Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki

and Hilton Hawaiian Village, will be widened to allow for pedestrian traffic to and from the beach. Tower ground breaking is anticipated for the second quarter of 2006, with projected completion at the end of 2008.

Group 70 International, Inc. has been contracted for the architec-

tural design work for the tower development project. The contract for a general contractor has not yet been awarded.

The lagoon restoration will drastically improve the water flow and clarity in the lagoon through the addition of deep wells and a pumping system that will continuously circulate the water flow. The project will involve the drilling of up to seven salt water wells to determine the size of a pumping system needed to facilitate the turnover of water in the lagoon. The pumps will increase the turnover to approximately five times a day from

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the existing once every 48 hours.

A walkway will encircle the entire lagoon creating an enjoyable public promenade. Extensive landscaping is also planned for the lagoon and its neighboring beach area including more than 80 palm trees, grassy areas and such typical salt-water foliage as naupaka and morning glory. In addition, the beach sand will be replenished. The lagoon restoration phase will commence between September and November of this year pending completion of environmental impact and necessary permits. The project is anticipated to take 12 months to complete.

“We really want to make the

lagoon area more of a focal point for the beachfront area of our resort,” said Schall. “We also want to welcome the public back to use the lagoon as the enjoyable recreational area that it once was, added Schall.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa is Waikiki’s only self-contained destination resort. A vaca-



tioner or conventioner finds everything necessary for a visit to paradise, yet is also within walking distance of everything Waikiki has to offer. The resort spans 22 acres, offering the widest stretch of beach on Waikiki, a beachfront lagoon, waterfalls, five pools, gardens, an exquisite art collection, and exotic wildlife, as well as nightly entertainment including the weekly King’s Jubilee, a Friday evening Hawaiian music and dance celebration that ends with a brilliant fireworks display on the beach. The finest dining, shopping and entertainment center on Waikiki’s best beach, the Village features more than 20 restaurants and lounges, with fine cuisine ranging from Italian to Asian to traditional steak and seafood menus. The Village also boasts more than 90 shops, as well as the full-service Mandara Spa, the Holistica Hawaii Preventive Medicine Center, and the Bishop Museum collection at the Hawaiian Arts & Culture Center in Kalia Tower.

For reservations, call toll-free at 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) from the U.S. and Canada or visit www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com or call the resort directly at (808) 949-4321.

11th Annual Honolulu Festival Features Cultural Kaleidoscope of Crafts, Music and Dance



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Authentic Japanese crafts, aboriginal dance and the world premier of *The Castaway* are the featured attractions at the 11th Annual Honolulu Festival, which rolls into town March 11-13. This three-day cultural extravaganza celebrates the art, music, dance, and history of Asia and the Pacific. More than 5,000 artisans, performers and spectators from Japan, Hawaii and Australia will share their heritage and traditions with local residents and visitors.

"The 11th Annual Honolulu Festival is turning out to be a kaleidoscope of cultures," explained WIA director David Asanuma, executive director of the Honolulu Festival Foundation, organizer of the Honolulu Festival. "Not only do we have artists and entertainers coming from all over Japan and Hawaii, but for the first time, we have performers traveling from Australia." The theme of this year's Honolulu Festival is *A Journey Across the Pacific*.

Entertainment and demonstrations will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center, Ala Moana Center, and Royal Ha-

waiian Shopping Center. All events are free.

A special feature of the 11th Annual Honolulu Festival is the world premier of *The Castaway*, a documentary about John Manjiro, the first Japanese to set foot on American soil. Manjiro is credited with helping to open up Japan to the West, and had a major role in starting English-language education in Japan. *The Castaway* premier is part of a cultural exchange seminar, "Manjiro, Whitfield, Damon:



How Friendship and Relationships Begin," being held on March 12.

"*The Castaway* is truly one of the highlights of this year's Honolulu Festival," noted Asanuma. "John Manjiro played a significant role in Japan-U.S. relations and we are excited to be able to share his

story with local residents and visitors." Other highlights of the 11th Annual Honolulu Festival include the Australian Aboriginal dance troupe *Descendance*, local and Japanese craft booths, Island music and dance, and the Grand Parade.

Eight members of *Descendance* make their debut at the Honolulu Festival. *Descendance* was born from the mighty Ngaru (Naroo) Aboriginal Dance Company, Sydney's first professional independent traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance troupe established in 1993. Ngaru means "shake a leg," a dance style prevalent in the Cape York Peninsula in North Queensland. Local and Japanese crafters will showcase their unique wares at the Hawaii Con-



vention Center on March 12 and 13. Festivalgoers will enjoy sweet music from island favorites Aunty Genoa Keawe and Maunalua, and hula performances by dancers from Hawaii and Japan.

Honolulu Festival weekend culminates on March 13 with the Grand Parade down Kalakaua Avenue. This spectacular parade features colorful floats and lively dance performances. The piece



Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center to Showcase 22 Japanese and Hawaiian Performances

The spotlight will be on Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center as it hosts 22 of the Honolulu Festival's popular performances in honor of US-Japan relations. Japanese and Hawaiian cultural performances will take place Saturday, March 12, 11:00AM - 5:30PM and Sunday, March 13, 10:30AM - 3:30PM. These events are free to the public. The center will also be an excellent vantage point to observe the Grand Parade down Kalakaua Avenue following Sunday's lineup.

During the festivities, guests at the center may enter to win a Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center gift certificate and a \$250 gift set from Lush Cosmetics. Other participating shops and restaurants will be offering special discounts and gifts with purchase. Also receive free gifts and discounts at these Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center stores: China

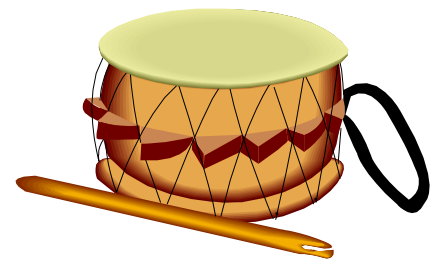
Arts & Furniture; Esther's Boutique; Esther's Fashion; Hawaiian Heirloom Jewelry; and Philip Rickard Honolulu.

A special parking rate of \$1.00 per hour for validated event parking, 5 hours maximum, will be available in the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center Garage. Validation from the Information Booth at the Fountain Courtyard is required.

The Honolulu Festival attracts more than 300,000 attendees each year. For more information, call 922-2299 or visit www.RoyalHawaiianShoppingCenter.com

Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center is the largest shopping center located in the heart of Waikiki. Serving local residents and visitors to Hawaii since 1980, the center offers a unique diversity of more than 100 shops and restaurants. The

290,000-square-foot Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center is situated on more than six acres of prime real estate in Waikiki and is a project owned by Kamehameha Schools and managed by The Festival Companies.



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de resistance is the Fire Spitting Dragon (Omuta Daijayama Matsuri). This larger-than-life dragon spits fire and exhales smoke as it boisterously makes its way down Kalakaua Avenue. Also be on the lookout for the Giant Illuminated Float (Genryukai Hirosaki Neputa). Designated as an important folk treasure, this giant 18-foot float lights up all of Kalakaua Avenue during the Grand Parade. The

sound of thunderous taiko drums inspires ancient spirits to illuminate the Neputa lanterns, which symbolize a bountiful harvest and prosperous fishing.

The Honolulu Festival began in 1995 to promote cultural understanding and ethnic harmony between the people of Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific region. Last year, 38,500 residents and visitors attended Honolulu Festival events, spending more than \$10.7 million

and generating \$1.06 million in additional tax revenue for Honolulu.

The Honolulu Festival is supported by the Honolulu Festival Foundation, a non-profit organization formed in 2000 to administer Festival activities and perpetuate the culture, customs and traditions of Asians and Pacific Islanders through community outreach and charitable efforts.



Sunset On The Beach Features Family Fun & 'Ono Food

The popular *Sunset on the Beach* (*Sunset*) continues on March 12 & 13 with two popular movies, a variety of 'ono grinds, craft booths, and loads of entertainment on world-famous Waikiki Beach. *Sunset* events start at 4:00PM when the food and craft booths open. Entertainment begins at 5:00PM, and the movie feature screens at sunset, around 7:00PM in spring.

On Saturday, March 12, the feature movie is *Around The World in 80 Days* (Disney). Get ready for phenomenal fun, spectacular adventures, and nonstop action as hilarious megastar Jackie Chan dares to do what no one has done before — beat the clock in a race around the world. Traveling the globe by land, sea, air, and even in-line skates, Chan and his buddies are greeted with impossible obstacles at every planned and unplanned stop along the way, making their fantastically speedy voyage more frantic and heart-pounding than ever! Filled with amazing stunts, humor, and the importance of friendship and fol-



lowing your dreams. Entertainment by *Kona Winds* will precede the movie. *Hawaiian 105 KINE Radio* will host.

On Sunday, March 13, *KCCN FM 100 Radio* will host and *Na Pu'ukani* and *Kale Imua* will provide entertainment, followed by the feature movie *Yu-Gi-Oh!* (Warner Brothers). Based on the trading card and television series phenomenon, *Yu-Gi-Oh!* is the story of Yugi, a boy captivated by the card game sweeping the nation: Duel Monsters! But there's more to the game than meets the eye, for it contains ancient mystical energies that can change the course of history! Deep below the sands of Egypt, an old evil has awakened. Anubis, who was defeated centuries ago by Yugi's mysterious alter ego, the Pharaoh, has returned for re-

venge to destroy Yugi and take over the world! Can Yugi and friends conquer their most powerful foe yet before the planet is buried in the sands of time?

Food vendors for the weekend are Ba-Le, Imari Bento, K Restaurant, Leo's Taverna, Mr. Pizza, Paradise Water Ice, Popcorn Express, Royal Hawaiian Hot Dog, and Time to Grind.



Entertainers and Food Vendors Wanted Wanted

WIA is seeking entertainers and food vendors interested in participating in *Sunset on the Beach* events. Entertainers may contact Janet Maduli, Mt. Kalihi Productions, at 282-5577. Food vendors please call Mike Rossell, Production Hawaii, at 832-7878.

Aloha Festivals Ho'olaule'a Coming in September



Restaurants, food vendors and lei vendors are invited to participate in this year's Aloha Festivals Ho'olaule'a. The Waikiki celebration will take place on Friday, September 9, 2005, on Kalakaua Avenue between Lewers and Kapahulu, with 10 stages of blockbuster entertainment. The Downtown celebration will be on Friday, September 16, 2005, on Bishop Street between Beretania and Aloha Tower, with seven stages of entertainment.

WIA member Charlian Wright, 2005 executive director of Aloha Festivals Ho'olaule'a, says "We look forward to your involvement in this year's Ho'olaule'a as we celebrate our theme 'Nā Honu Hawai'i-The Spirit Within'." Please call the Aloha Festivals office at (808) 589-1771 for more information.

Brunch On The Beach Is Back in a Big Way!

The first *Brunch on the Beach (Brunch)* for 2005 is scheduled for Sunday, March 20th, from 9:00AM to 1:30PM. *Brunch* will be held on Kalakaua Avenue, fronting the Hyatt Regency Waikiki. Treat yourself to top-notch entertainment by Grammy nominees and winners, hula & more ~ plus a feast for the palate from ten incredible Waikiki restaurants!



Great Hawaiian entertainment and incredible food will kick-off *Brunch* in 2005 and set the tone for the rest of the year. On the main stage, emcee Al Waterson will introduce two of Hawai'i's Grammy nominees - the awesome Amy Hanaiali'i Giliom, and Charles Michael Brotman of Palm Records, who actually took home the first-ever Hawaiian Music Grammy Award. Performing with Brotman will be Charles Reacido. John Cruz, one of the talented artists on Brotman's winning slack-key compilation, will also share

his kiho'alu stylings. A natural complement to the music is the hula, and Halau Hula O Maiki, under the direction of Kumu Hula Coline Aiu, is sure to please both kama'aina and malihini alike. Opening the festivities will be the Royal Hawaiian Band Glee Club.

Of course, the 'ono kaukau is the other star of *Brunch*. Participating restaurants are Seafood Village, Hyatt Regency Waikiki, Duke's Waikiki, Renaissance Illikai Waikiki, Tiki's Grill & Bar, Hau Tree Lanai, Raddison Waikiki Prince Kuhio, Tea Chest Hawaii, Zanzabar Night Club, and others to be announced.

"*Sunset on the Beach* has received a warm welcome in 2005, and we know many people have been awaiting the return of *Brunch on the Beach* as well." said WIA President Rick Egged. "Our team has worked very hard to make this event very special and worthwhile for both our residents and visitors. We want everyone to enjoy all Waikiki has to offer."

The event is the first of four *Brunch* events planned for 2005. WIA has assumed all operations of the *Brunch* and *Sunset on the Beach* events from the City & County of Honolulu under the new Hannemann administration.

Parking is one of the top reasons local residents say



they avoid Waikiki, but with WIA's *Holoholo Parking* partners, parking is made plentiful and affordable (rates vary and are subject to change). For more information on *Holoholo Parking*, please visit <http://www.waikikiimprovement.com/holoholo.html>.



Other Waikiki Events

Daily: 5:30PM-9:30PM Live Entertainment at Moana Terrace (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort And Spa); 6:00PM, Torch Lighting Ceremony, (Renaissance Ilikai); 6:15PM-6:45PM, Changing of the King's Guard - Rifle Drill Exhibition (King's Village)

Monday to Friday: 7:00AM-7:45AM, Rhythms of the Ocean Exercises (Outrigger Reef on the Beach); 8:30AM-4:00PM, Hawaiian Crafter Demonstration & Sale (Outrigger Reef on the Beach)

Monday to Saturday: 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 6:30PM & 8:15PM, Fish & Stingray Feeding at the Oceanarium (Pacific Beach Hotel)

Tuesday to Saturday: 6:30PM-8:30PM, Island Style entertainment in Neptune's Garden Restaurant (Pacific Beach Hotel)

Thursday to Saturday: 6:00PM-8:00PM, Kawika and Friends Hula Show (Renaissance Ilikai)

Wednesday to Friday: 5:30PM-7:30PM, Hawaiian music and dance performance (DFS Galleria)

Every Sunday: 6:00PM-9:00PM, George Kuo, Martin Pahinui & Aaron Mahi perform (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 6:30PM-8:30PM, Soundettes of Hawaii perform (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center).

Every Monday: 8:00AM-9:30AM, Kripalu Yoga Class with Walleska Tepping, (\$15 per person, call concierge for reservation) (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 9:00AM-12:00PM,

Hawaiian Arts & Crafts (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 10:00AM Lauhala Weaving (Hilton Hawaiian Village); 6:30PM-9:30PM, Christian & Sani perform (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 8:30PM-9:15PM, Derek Daniels "Islands of Aloha" (International Market Place).

Every Tuesday: 7:00PM-1:00PM, Farmers Market, (Waikiki Community Center); 9:30AM-11:30AM, Hawaiian Quilt Making (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 10:00AM Lei Making, Hula, Ukulele (Hilton Hawaiian Village); 10:00AM-12:00PM, Hawaiian Craft Classes (Waikiki Shopping Plaza).

Every Wednesday: 6:00PM-8:00PM Chris Kamaka & Baba Alimoot Perform (Outrigger Waikiki On The Beach); 6:00PM-7:30PM, Ukulele Classes (Waikiki Shopping Plaza); 8:30PM-9:30P Derek Daniels "Island of Aloha" Performs (International Market Place)

Every Thursday: 5:00PM-7:00PM, Jimmy Kaina on Piano (Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach); 5:30PM-8:30PM, Auntie Genoa Keawe performs (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 6:00PM-6:15PM, Torch Lighting Ceremony (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 6:00PM-8:00PM, Chris Kamaka and Baba Alimoot Perform (Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach); 6:30PM- 8:30PM,

Pu'uhonua Performs (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 8:30PM-9:15PM, Derek Daniels "Islands of Aloha" (International Market Place).

Every Friday: 8:00AM-1:00PM, Hawaiian Craft Fair (Pacific Beach); 8:00AM-9:30AM, Kripalu Yoga Class with Walleska Tepping, (\$15 per person, call concierge for reservation) (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 7:00PM-10:00PM, Bruce Hamada Trio (All Star Hawaii Café)

Every Saturday: 10:30AM-4:30PM, Wood Carving Demo (Outrigger Reef on the Beach); 7:00PM-7:45PM, Derek Daniels "Voyage Through Polynesia" (Waikiki Town Center); 7:00PM-10:00PM, Jazz Trio (226 Lewers Street).

Coming up for Easter, March 26 & 27: Star Of Honolulu's Easter Brunch Cruises, call 983-STAR (7827) or visit www.starofhonolulu.com (Star of Honolulu departs from Aloha Tower Marketplace, Pier 8).



Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!



Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily at **6:30PM – 7:30PM** at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke

Kahanamoku statue. FREE. Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development (843-8002) and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

For the month of March:

Mondays & Tuesdays: "Auntie Pudgie" Young and Hawaiian Serenaders



Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Ka

Liko O Kapalai

Thursdays: Val Crabbe and Na 'Opio

Friday, March 11: Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Saturday, March 12: Coline Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sunday, March 13: NO SHOW - Honolulu Festival Parade

Friday, March 18: Moana Chang and the Aloha Boat Days Show

Saturday, March 19: Maelia Lobenstein Carter and Ka Pa Hula O Kauanoe O Wa'ahila

Sunday, March 20: Shirley Recca and Halau Hula 'O Naimakahulali

Friday, March 25: Colsen Kanei



and Halau Kawaiianuhealehua

Saturday, March 26: Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A'o Hula

Sunday, March 27: EASTER NO SHOW



Take a Walk Through Waikiki's Past



The enchanting 2000 years of Waikiki's hidden history come alive on the Queen's Tour of the Waikiki Historic Trail.

Come discover Waikiki's storied past with a native Hawaiian historian and storyteller. This free two-hour guided walking tour of

cultural sites important to Hawaii's host culture will take you along Kalakaua and Kuhio Beach Park.

Tours are every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Tours begin at 9:00 AM. Participants should gather at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center's Fountain Courtyard.

While on the two-mile tour, you will hear stories about Hawaiian royalty, ancient healing and the legen-

dary Duke Kahanamoku.

For information, call (808) 737-6442.



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