



Waikiki Wiki-Wiki Wire

The Hawaii International Film Festival's *Sunset Series*, Presented by the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, Scales Down Due to Rainy Weather *Friday Night Cancelled*

The Louis Vuitton Hawaii International Film Festival's *Sunset Series*, presented by the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, will scale down by one day due to rainy weather. The screening scheduled for Friday, October 20th, has been cancelled. Everyone involved hopes the remaining three days will go on as scheduled. Those in charge of producing *Sunset on the Beach* will continue to monitor the weather forecast for the rest of the weekend.

After making these adjustments to the schedule, the lineup for this weekend is as follows:

Friday, October 20th: CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN.

Saturday, Oct 21st: The world premiere of NA KAMALEI: MEN OF HULA (Lisette Marie Flanary, USA, 2006, 56m). Robert Cazimero is the kumu hula for Na Kamalei ("the lei of children") – Hawaii's only hula academy strictly for men. He has mentored male students for 30 years, bringing the masculine aspect back to hula and overcoming gender stereotypes. In NA KAMALEI, the role of men in hula is explored through interviews with Cazimero and his contemporaries. They discuss Hawaiian man's disconnection with the hula (that can be traced back to American Protestant missionaries who denounced the hula as a heathen dance) and the renaissance of the 1970s when men



overcame stereotypes to live the proverb "dare to hula, leave your shame at home."

Sunday, October 22nd: The Hawaii premiere of TOW-IN SURFING (Jorge Guimares, BRASIL, USA, 2006, 1h10m). Riveting footage of death-defying surfers, towed into gigantic waves (over 60 feet high!) by jet skis traveling at 50 m.p.h. Filmed from land, sea and air at Mavericks in California and at Jaws in Maui. Narrated by the surfers themselves.

Monday, Oct 23rd: The international premiere of CHECK IT OUT, YO (Miyamoto Rieko, JAPAN, 2006, 1h57m). Four high-school students in rural Okinawa start a hip-hop band, albeit haltingly and

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humorously, in order to break out of the boredom of small town life. Features an appearance by the Hawaiian-born rikishi, Konishiki!

Unfortunately, the Hawaii premiere of SHARKWATER (Rob Stewart, CANADA, 2006, 1h28m) will not be shown at *Sunset on the Beach*.

Please contact HIFF to see if it has been rescheduled for another venue.

For more information about films, show times, and ticketing for the festival, visit www.hiff.org or call (808) 550-TIKS (8457).

(All events are subject to change.)

Sunset Series Schedule



Friday, Oct 20

3:30 PM Event opens one hour prior to the show.
 4:30-6:15 PM Entertainment by radio hosts HAWAIIAN 105 KINE and "TOHAKU"
 SUNSET The Hawaii premiere of SHARKWATER (Rob Stewart, CANADA, 2006, 1h28m)

Friday cancelled due to rain.

Saturday, Oct 21

3:30 PM Event opens one hour prior to the show.
 4:30 PM Entertainment by radio host KRATER 96 and "JEFF PETERSON"
 5:30 PM "THE BROTHERS CAZIMERO" and "NA KAMALEI"
 SUNSET The world premiere of NA KAMALEI: MEN OF HULA (Lisette Marie Flanary, USA, 2006, 56m)

Sunday, Oct 22

3:30 PM Event opens one hour prior to the show.
 4:30 PM Entertainment by radio host POWER 104.3 and "TYPICAL YOUTH"
 5:30 PM TIKI TABOO – 60's Vintage Surf Music
 SUNSET The Hawaii premiere of TOW-IN SURFING (Jorge Guimares, BRASIL, USA, 2006, 1h10m)

Monday, Oct 23

3:30 PM Event opens one hour prior to the show.
 4:30 PM Entertainment by radio host KCCN FM 100 and live bands TBD
 SUNSET The international premiere of CHECK IT OUT, YO (Miyamoto Rieko, JAPAN, 2006, 1h57m)

Aqua Hotels Adds Island Colony, 5th Property in 2006



Mike Paulin, owner and CEO of Aqua Hotels & Resorts, has announced the addition of Island Colony to its expanding Waikiki inventory. This makes Aqua the fastest growing Waikiki hotel chain this year – adding five properties and doubling its portfolio.

“It’s exciting to have Island Colony join the Aqua family,” said Will Tanaka, President of Aloha Hospitality Consulting, LLC and Stahl, Inc., the general partner of Island Colony Hotel. Having

worked with Mike for many years, coincidentally beginning at the Island Colony in 1979, I have a great deal of confidence in him and his team. Aqua is definitely on the move, targeting the right customers for Waikiki and for Island Colony.”

The 740-room Island Colony is located at 445 Seaside Avenue and becomes the 6th property in Aqua’s Lite collection. The 44-story hotel features rooms with an AquaKIT (mini-refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker), spacious lanais and great views of the Koolau mountain range, Diamond Head or the Pacific Ocean. Hotel amenities include a large outdoor swimming pool and sundeck, Jacuzzi, sauna and coin-operated washer/dryers.



Hyatt Regency Waikiki Among Six Hyatt Properties Named to Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best Spas List

Hyatt Hotels & Resorts has announced that six of its properties, including Waikiki’s own Hyatt Regency, have been honored by Travel + Leisure’s 11th annual World’s Best Spa poll. This esteemed accolade, given by the readers of Travel + Leisure, is a true mark of excellence in the industry.

The other Hyatt properties named to the prestigious list are the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa, the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa, the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa, Park Hyatt Toronto and I.Sawan Residential Spa & Club at Grand Hyatt Erawan, Bangkok.

“This is a tremendous accomplishment for each property and the recently developed HyattPure brand,” said Gordon Terata, assistant vice president of spa operations for Hyatt Hotels Corporation. “Each of our properties holds true to the HyattPure Promise, which serves as a guarantee that our facilities around the world offer an extensive array of treatment therapies that leverage both age-old and



Na Ho’ola Spa

modern techniques, and are deeply rooted in the local culture.”

Hyatt Resorts’ three Hawaiian properties ranked in the Top 10 Hotel Spas in Hawaii with Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa ranked third, Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa ranked fifth and Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa ranked tenth. Hyatt had more properties on the top 10 Hawaiian spas list than any other hotel chain. All three resorts offer distinctive treatments rooted in the Hawaiian culture including the Kaanapali Salt Glow offered at Spa Moana at the Hyatt Regency Maui and the lomi-lomi massage offered at the Na Ho’ola Spa at Hyatt Regency Waikiki.

Travel + Leisure magazine’s annual World’s Best Spa readers’ poll appears in the October issue of the magazine and is currently on newsstands. In order to be eligible for the World’s Best Awards, spas must receive not only high marks but also a minimum number of reader evaluations.

Embassy Suites Hotel®-Waikiki Beach Walk™ Now Taking Reservations for January 2007

The latest addition to Hawaii's resort destination of Waikiki is the all new, all-suite Embassy Suites Hotel®-Waikiki Beach Walk™. As the new flagship hotel for the Embassy Suites brand, the hotel located in the heart of Waikiki on the island of Oahu, is nearing completion and now taking reservations for visits beginning January 5, 2007.

As Embassy Suites Hotel-Waikiki Beach Walk opens, it will be the brand's first all-leisure property. The hotel, which is owned and operated by Outrigger Enterprises Group, Hawaii's oldest and most well-known hospitality company, will give guests a unique experience by offering true island hospitality in a modern, upscale setting. At the center of Waikiki Beach Walk™, the hotel is an integral part of Outrigger Enterprises Group's \$700 million revitalization project, the largest and most comprehensive development in Waikiki's history.

"Our partnership with Embassy Suites has made it possible to bring the spirit of aloha to a popular and respected national brand. Guests staying at the Embassy Suite Hotel-Waikiki Beach Walk will truly have a one-of-a-kind experience," says Barry Wallace, Executive Vice President of Hospitality

Services for Outrigger Enterprises Group. "Our new Waikiki Beach Walk destination has been a long time in coming and we are very eager to finally see it all come together when our first Embassy Suites guests check in."

Located just steps away from the world famous Waikiki Beach, the 21-story Embassy Suites Hotel-Waikiki Beach Walk™ will offer two all-suite towers, the Hula Tower and the Aloha Tower. This new all-leisure hotel will cater to families looking for Hawaiian adventure, couples looking to share a romantic, Hawaiian sunset and friends looking for delicious meals, unique shopping and plenty of fun.

"We are excited for guests to experience this wonderful, new, all-suite hotel," says General Manager Bob Yeoman. "We've put our heart and soul into the details of the hotel and want to make sure that each guest has the best experience possible. We're looking forward to welcoming each and every guest in the New Year."

This extraordinary hotel experience will begin at the porte-cochere with valet parking services. Guest will walk through a large, open, fresh air entrance-hall to a casual check-in pod where they will be welcomed with a complimentary welcome beverage and provided information on the hotel by an Embassy Suites representative. They can then stop by the activities desk where the activities concierge can discuss the many options available not only around the hotel, but the many things to do around the island, such as tours, excursions or the abundance of activities all within walking distance of the hotel.

Upon entering one of the 353 spacious one-bedroom suites or 68 two-bedroom suites – many with stunning ocean views – the guest will receive a personal welcome call from the general manager or assistant general manager, a complimentary CD compilation of local Hawaiian music, and a different Hawaiian story card left in the rooms each night, to inform and educate guests about Hawaii's unique traditions and culture.

Guests will also appreciate that each suite offers a separate living room, deluxe bedding, a flat panel



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Embassy Suites Hotel®-Waikiki Beach Walk™

Now Taking Reservations for January 2007

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LCD TV in the living room and bedrooms, mini refrigerator, wet bar, microwave, coffee maker, a telephone in each living and bedroom, in-room safe, and an MP3/CD player clock radio. In addition, the resort offers a complimentary 24-hour fitness center, a 24-hour business center, free local and domestic (U.S. and Canada) long distance phone calls as well as high-speed Internet access for all guests.

When ready to explore, guests can head down to the expansive fourth-floor Grand Lanai, which connects the two towers, where they will discover a spacious sundeck and swimming pool – equipped with a flowing waterfall which changes colors on an hourly basis. Adjacent to the swimming pool will be a roomy sundeck spotted with an abundance of comfortable chaise lounges allowing guests to relax, unwind and enjoy the warm, fresh Hawaiian air. The Grand Lanai also boasts 2,000 square feet of meeting space. At night, the sundeck will transform into a lively meeting place with a pool bar and nightly entertainment. Each evening, the Embassy Suites Hotel will host a two-hour Manager's Reception* with complimentary beverages and snacks for all registered hotel guests.

The Grand Lanai also features a covered terrace where, as with all Embassy Suites Hotels, guests will enjoy the signature complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast each morning, including a selection of fresh local fruits and island favorites, such as Portuguese sausage, Spam, and rice along with the standard Embassy Suites breakfast offerings.

Steps away from the hotel, guests can surf, swim or simply enjoy the beautiful waters of Waikiki Beach. And when the sun goes down, guests are in the heart of Waikiki's newest and most exciting shopping, dining, and entertainment destination, Waikiki Beach Walk™. Embassy guests are right in the center of a wide selection of resort shops, boutiques and a full schedule of cultural activities and musical events -- including ukulele lessons, hula lessons, lei making, story telling, wood carving and well-known musical acts -- in and around Waikiki Beach Walk's™ open-air plaza and center



stage. And when its time to enjoy a leisurely meal, Embassy guests can indulge at fine eateries such as Roy's® Waikiki, Yard House, Ruth's Chris® Steak House, and Holokai Grill, to name a few.

Room rates for the Embassy Suites Hotel-- Waikiki Beach Walk™ start at \$399 for a one-bedroom suite, and \$549 for a two-bedroom suite. A limited special introductory rate starting at \$269 for a one-bedroom and \$419 for a two-bedroom suite will be available throughout 2007 on a space available basis. All children under the age of 18 can stay for free in their parents' room. Reservations are now being accepted at www.waikikibeach.embassysuites.com or call 1-800-EMBASSY.

The all-new, all-suite resort is owned by Outrigger Enterprises, Inc. and the first tower of the hotel is set to open in December 2006.



The Ilikai's Eugene Carroll Wins \$500 Gift Certificate

Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center's Director of Marketing Anne Murata presented a \$500 gift certificate to Eugene Carroll, concierge at The Ilikai Hotel. This was the grand prize in a quarterly drawing for the Center's "Perks for You" contest, which rewards concierges and hospitality partners for promoting aloha by distributing Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center's gift and discount booklet.

Five runners-up also each received a \$50 gift certificate to the Center: Stacey Ryan and Julia McCormick, Expedia!fun; Noenoe Kawaiaea, ResortQuest Pacific Monarch; George Otani, Pacific Beach Hotel; and Yuko Oshika, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center's "Free & Easy" Coupon Book is filled with free gifts and discounts, plus a coupon for a free hula girl pin. Guests also get 4 hours free parking with \$25 in same day receipts and other gifts with purchase.

Hawaiian Shows are heating up the night at the Center every Tuesday through Saturday, 6:30 to 8:30pm. Guests can also enjoy free cultural activities Monday through Friday, including Hula, `Ukulele, Lei Making, and Hawaiian Quilt Making.



Concierge Eugene Carroll and Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center Marketing Director Anne Murata at the Ilikai Hotel.

For more information call Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center's Customer Service Desk located on Royal Hawaiian Avenue, (808) 922-2299 or visit www.RoyalHawaiianShoppingCenter.com.

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Launches Customized Wake-Up Call Service

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa has launched the New Hyatt Wake-Up Call – a customized service allowing friends and family to record personalized wake-up call greetings for traveling loved ones. The service, available exclusively to Hyatt's Gold Passport® members, will also roll out to all Hyatt Hotels & Resorts in North America and the Caribbean. The program is designed to help frequent business travelers maintain a connection with others while on the road and personalize their stay with the sound of a familiar voice in the morning.

To celebrate the launch, supermodel Christie Brinkley, well known for balancing a hectic travel schedule and life as a mom, recorded two limited-edition wake-up greetings available for download at www.hyattwakeup.com. The cheerful messages

offer inspirational advice for the day and remind listeners not to hit the snooze button, as breakfast, and perhaps the gym, awaits them. Each time a Hyatt Gold Passport® member registers for a Wake-Up Call, Hyatt will donate \$1.00 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, or contribute an overall donation of \$10,000.

During the first 48 hours of the program, Hyatt will offer the New Wake-Up Call service, including Christie Brinkley's limited edition greeting, free to all guests.

"The New Hyatt Wake-Up Call is the latest in a series of new products and services that demonstrate our commitment to both our business and leisure travelers," explained Michael Jokovich, general manager, Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa.

Halekulani Living Presents Master Aromatherapist Denise Diamond



The experience of Hawaii's premiere hotel, Halekulani, is timeless, as are the emotions conjured by memorable scents. The lifestyle series, Halekulani Living is pleased to present one of Hawaii's leading aromatherapist, Denise

Diamond, as part of its wellness initiative. On Thursday, November 2, 2006 from 2p.m. – 4p.m., Diamond will host an interactive workshop exploring the healing properties of aromatherapy. In addition to an elegant Halekulani tea service, guests will blend custom face and body mists and receive a \$25 gift certificate towards a spa or salon service at the award-winning SpaHalekulani. Participation is available at \$45 per person. For more information and reservations, call (808) 931-5010.

Diamond is an authority on the cosmetic and therapeutic uses of flowers and plants and has authored "The Complete Book of Flowers," a wonderful guide for bringing nature into daily lifestyle habits. After using herbs to heal a personal

illness, Diamond pursued holistic healing and experienced its power and effectiveness. Inspired by its relevance and alternative approach to western medicine, she studied herbology with the Dominion Herbal College, under the expertise of Dr. John R. Christopher in Canada, and with Mr. Rob Menzies in California.

Island Essence (www.islandessence.com), a Hawaii company that creates fine body care and spa products, was founded by Denise and Martin Diamond who met in Maui over 30 years ago. Martin's expertise spans more than 30 years of entrepreneurial business experience. They co-founded one of the first natural skin care companies in California in the 1970's. Island Essence formulates their products with many natural ingredients including organic herbal extracts and oils. They use no animal ingredients and do not test on animals.



Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!



Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily **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.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

For the month of October:

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

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

Thursdays: Val Crabbe and Halau Hula Palena

Fridays: Oct 20, 27: Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Saturday, October 21: Lilinoe Lindsey and Ka Pa Nani O Lilinoe

Sunday, October 22: Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A'o Hula

Saturday, October 28: Coline Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sunday, October 29: Leimomi Ho and Keali'ika'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula

Honolulu Zoo Society Offers Twilight Tours, Star Gazing

What's Wild in Waikiki? Take a stroll to the Honolulu Zoo and learn the sort of monkey business that goes on after hours. Learn about the lives of the Zoo's remarkable citizens. Tours are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday evening! It's a fun evening of education never experienced by day visitors. Special arrangements can be made for large groups. Families are welcome. The tours are appropriate for all ages 5 to 105! Please purchase tickets in advance from the Honolulu Zoo Society (HZS) by calling 971-7195. Walk-ups are welcome if space is available - meet at the Front Entrance at 5:15pm. See www.honzoosoc.org for info.

Or see the stars as well as the animals on a special star-gazing tour that meets on the first Friday of each month! The evening begins with a tour of the zoo and continues on the zoo lawn with astronomer Dr. Michael Chauvin. Learn about the stars as well as some of the history and mythology

of astronomy. Please call 926-3191 for times and for reservations. Recommended for adults and families with children over the age of 10.



Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

October 22, 2006 Sunday

7:00AM Starts
9:30AM Ends

RACE FOR THE CURE 5K WALK/RUN sponsored by Susan B. Komen Foundation. The event is expected to have 7,000+ runners. It will start at near Royal Hawaiian Band driveway on Monsarrat Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., to Kaiulani Ave., to Ala Wai Blvd., to Paki Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at Honolulu Marathon Finish near Bandstand. Contact: Susan B Komen Foundation 842-8462 For more info, check out their website: <http://www.raceforthechcurehawaii.org/>

November 5, 2006 Sunday

5:30AM Starts
9:00AM Ends

VAL NOLASCO MEMORIAL HALF MARATHON sponsored by RRCA/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 Waiialae Ave., to Kalaniana'ole 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. Contact: John Simonds 373-3609 For more info, visit their website: <http://www.mprrc.org/>

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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Check out our monthly calendar of free activities at:

www.waikikiimprovement.com