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Help Perpetuate The Aloha Spirit In Hawai'i - Purchase An Aloha Festivals Ribbon And Nominate A Friend

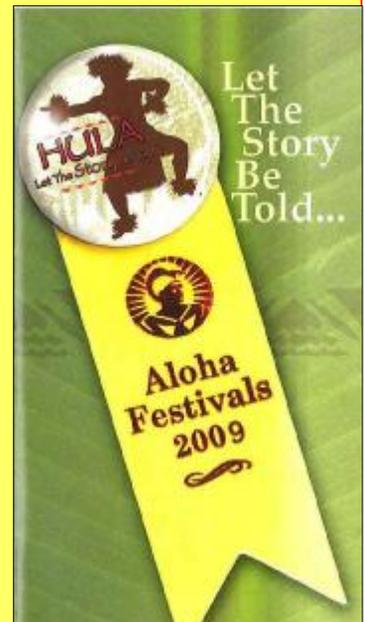
"Spirit of Aloha" Contest Launches to Name Star Citizen

Aloha Festivals (<http://alohafestivals.com> / @AlohaFstvl09), Hawai'i's premier cultural showcase, kicked off sales of its Aloha Festivals ribbons, one of the major sources of financial support for the annual events. They are now available for purchase at participating retailers. In conjunction with this fundraising effort, Aloha Festivals is launching a "Spirit of Aloha" contest to name a deserving Hawai'i resident as the Star Citizen who most embodies the Aloha Spirit in our island community.

"Our ribbon sales effort and the 'Spirit of Aloha' contest are just two ways for residents to perpetuate our island values of kindness, unity, humility and patience," said Debbie Nakanelua-Richards, co-chair of the Aloha Festivals board of directors. "The Aloha Spirit is unique in how each of us expresses and feels it, and it is the legacy and aspiration of the people of Hawaii - at its core, this is what the Aloha Festivals is all about. So please show your support for the Aloha Spirit in Hawaii by wearing an Aloha Festivals ribbon."

Sales of the \$5.00 Aloha Festivals ribbons help supplement the cost of the free events offered to the general public, which is one of Hawai'i's longest-running cultural celebrations. Local non-profit organizations may also sell Aloha Festival ribbons to help supplement their own fundraising efforts. By showing their Aloha Festivals ribbon, purchasers will receive discounts at local hotels and businesses. More importantly, purchasing and wearing a ribbon signifies support for the Aloha Spirit in our community and the perpetuation of this special Hawaii value.

In addition, nominations are now being accepted for the "Spirit of Aloha" contest at <http://alohafestivals.com>. Residents should submit their entries by Friday, September 18, describing in 200 words or less why their nominee deserves the "Spirit of Aloha" Award. The top three nominees will be posted to the contest Web site on Monday, September 21 for viewing and public voting. On Friday, September 25, the nominee with the most votes will receive the first "Spirit of Aloha" Award.



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Aloha Festivals ribbons are available for purchase at the following retail locations:

- ABC Stores
- Ala Moana Customer service center
- Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association
- Moana Surfrider Concierge
- Pearl Ridge Center Management Office (Uptown)
- Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Concierge
- Sheraton Waikiki Concierge
- The Royal Hawaiian Concierge
- Waikiki Community Center



Wear an Aloha Festivals ribbon from Sept. 1 - 30, 2009, and receive the following discounts:

Restaurants:

- Chai's Island Bistro (One free appetizer with purchase of entrée)
- Hakone Restaurant (20% off)
- Hardrock Café (20% off food, non-alcoholic beverages and non-charity merchandise)
- Longhi's restaurant (One free dessert with purchase of entrée)
- Marina Front Café at the Hawaii Prince Hotel (beverage special)
- Planet Hollywood (20% off)
- Prince Court at the Hawaii Prince Hotel (10% off)
- Reef Lounge at the Hawaii Prince Hotel (beverage special)
- Romano's Macaroni Grill (free dessert with purchase)
- Ruth's Chris Steak House at Restaurant Row & Waikiki Beach Walk (free dessert with purchase)

Hotels:

- Aqua Hotels & Resorts (special rate at 13 Waikiki Hotels, Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2009)
- Best Western the Plaza Hotel (special rate, Aug. 16-Sept. 29, 2009)
- Ilima Hotel (special rate, Sept. 9-Sept. 24, 2009)
- Ohana Airport Hotel (special rate, Aug. 16-Sept. 29, 2009)

Other:

- Bishop Museum (2 free child's passes for kids 12 and under with a paying adult)
- The Contemporary Museum (One free admission with one paid)
- Overboard at BeachWalk Waikiki (10% off the total price of selected items)
- Sea life Park (One free admission with one paid - from Sept. 19-26 only)

The purchase of a ribbon offers an opportunity to enter the sweepstakes to win one of the following prizes:

- Roundtrip for two to Manila, Philippines, via Hawaiian Air
- Roundtrip for two to Las Vegas via Hawaiian Air
- \$250.00 Shopping Spree at Pearlridge Center
- \$250.00 Shopping Spree at Ala Moana Center
- \$250.00 Shopping Spree at Royal Hawaiian Center
- Dolphin Encounter for two at Sea Life Park

Two Aloha Festivals Events Kick Off Celebration Of Hawaiian Culture

The first event is the Aloha Festivals Royal Court Investiture, where members of this year's Court will take their places and be adorned with the traditional symbols of their respective titles. This event will include chants, hula káhiko and the pageantry and regalia associated with Hawaiian royalty. The official Aloha Festivals Opening Ceremony will follow that afternoon, held for the first time at the Royal Hawaiian Center Royal Grove.

WHO / WHAT: Aloha Festivals 2009 Royal Court, Aloha Festivals 2009 Royal Court Investiture
WHEN / WHERE: Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., Hilton Hawaiian Village, Village Green

WHO / WHAT: Aloha Festivals 2009 Royal Court, Opening Ceremony
WHEN / WHERE: Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., Royal Hawaiian Center, Royal Grove

Aloha Festivals' Hula Theme Celebrated Year-Round

September 10 marks the kick-off of the 63rd Aloha Festivals (formerly Aloha Week) with opening ceremonies at Royal Hawaiian Center. The Royal Grove will provide the perfect backdrop for pomp and pageantry officially opening the annual cultural event. Main festival events will be held in the month of September.

"Hula: Let the Story Be Told" is this year's theme, and reflects the well-known line in many Hawaiian songs - Haina ia mai ka puana. This is the second year in a row that Aloha Festivals has selected hula as a theme, underscoring the huge popularity of Hawaii's native dance here in the islands and around the world.

Royal Hawaiian Center presents hula regularly Monday-Friday in the Royal Grove along with popular entertainers Kuuipo Kumukahi and Kawika Trask. On Saturdays, Hula Kahiko at Helumoa - Saturday Series of Traditional Hula at Royal Hawaiian Center, presents noted halau hula (hula schools). This month it features Ka Pa Hula o Kauanoe o Waahila under the direction of Kumu Hula (hula master) Maelia Loebenstein Carter.

Another popular entertainment feature is live Hawaiian piano music in the Paina Lanai food terrace daily (except Sundays) from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. There, you'll find Aaron Sala tickling the ivories and singing island favorites, often accompanied by impromptu hula. Joe Mahoe and Jimmy Kaina also share in RHC's piano performances.

On Saturday, September 19, Royal Hawaiian Center will anchor this year's Waikiki Hoolaulea with the best in island entertainment. The Aloha Festivals' Royal Court will make an appearance on Royal Hawaiian Center's stage fronting The Royal Grove at 7:00 p.m. Kamehameha Schools Hawaiian Ensemble and Concert Glee performs afterwards. At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Mufi Hannemann will make a special presentation, and at 8:00 p.m., Teresa Bright will fill the air with her melodious Hawaiian jazz.

"As a Kamehameha Schools property, and the very spot where Princess Pauahi codified her lasting legacy of education for Hawaiians, we hold Hawaiian performing and visual arts as a high priority," said Manu Boyd, Royal Hawaiian Center cultural director. "We have been able to expand our Hawaiian cultural programming and special events like Aloha Festivals gives us a chance to share this with tens of thousands of kama'ina and malihini who converge on Kalakaua Avenue."

In addition to regular entertainment programming, Royal Hawaiian Center will present the Kealoha Kalama Trio nightly (September 21-25) from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Paina Lanai food terrace. Kalama has been performing at the Center's special events for many years, along with dancers from her Halau O Pahai Kealoha.

Enjoy hula, Hawaiian music, flower lei, the Kaulani Heritage Room, The Royal Grove's Hawaiian gardens and the elegant bronze statue of Kamehameha Schools' founder, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop. Royal Hawaiian Center offers the very best in shopping, dining, entertainment and cultural programming during Aloha Festivals - and every day of the year. E kipa mai—welcome!

Aloha Festivals at Royal Hawaiian Center. All activities are FREE!

Thursday, September 10

- * Aloha Festivals Opening Ceremony: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., The Royal Grove
- * Puuhonua: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., The Royal Grove

Friday, September 18

- * Ukulele class: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Paina Lanai food terrace
- * Lei-making class: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Building A near Auntie Bella's Lei Stand
- * Piano music with Jimmy Kaina: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Paina Lanai
- * Kuuipo Kumukahi: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., The Royal Grove

Saturday, September 19

- * Polynesian Cultural Center performance: 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., The Royal Grove
- * Piano music with Jimmy Kaina: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Paina Lanai
- * Hula Kahiko at Helumoa: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m., The Royal Grove
- * Aloha Festivals Waikiki Hoolaulea: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.



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Sunday, September 20

- * Ulana Lau Niu (coconut leaf weaving): 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., The Royal Grove

Monday, September 21

- * Lomilomi massage class: 11 a.m. - noon, Level 1, Building A
- * Piano music with Joe Mahoe: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Paina Lanai
- * Kawika Trask & Friends: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Royal Grove
- * Kealoha Kalama Trio: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Paina Lanai

Tues. Sept. 22

- * Hawaiian Quilting class: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Level 3, Buildings A/B Bridge
- * Ukulele class: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Paina Lanai
- * Hula class: 11:00 a.m. - noon, The Royal Grove
- * Piano music with Joe Mahoe: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Paina Lanai
- * Kawika Trask & Friends: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Royal Grove
- * Kealoha Kalama Trio: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Paina Lanai
- * Halau Hula o Nawahine: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 23

- * Lomilomi massage class: 11:00 a.m. - noon. Level 1, Building A
- * Ukulele class: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Paina Lanai
- * Piano music with Joe Mahoe: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Paina Lanai
- * Keoahu: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., The Royal Grove
- * Kealoha Kalama Trio: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Paina Lanai

Thurs. Sept. 24

- * Ukulele class: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Paina Lanai
- * Polynesian Cultural Center performance: 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., The Royal Grove
- * Hula class: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., The Royal Grove
- * Piano music with Aaron Sala: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Paina Lanai
- * Puuhonua: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., The Royal Grove
- * Kealoha Kalama Trio: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Paina Lanai

Fri. Sept. 25

- * Ukulele class: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Paina Lanai
- * Piano music with Jimmy Kaina. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Paina Lanai
- * Kuuipo Kumukahi: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., The Royal Grove
- * Kealoha Kalama Trio: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Paina Lanai

Sat. Sept. 26

- * Aloha Festivals Floral Parade: 9:00 a.m., Ala Moana Blvd. to Kalakaua Ave.
- * Polynesian Cultural Center performance: 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., The Royal Grove
- * Piano music with Jimmy Kaina: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Paina Lanai
- * Hula Kahiko at Helumoa: 6:00 - 6:30 pm., The Royal Grove



FREE PARKING: offer valid through January 31, 2010 Royal Hawaiian Center has the largest garage in the heart of Waikiki with 10 levels of parking and more than 600 stalls located adjacent to the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The Center's free parking promotion offers 3 hours of free parking with any restaurant validation and 2 hours free parking with any food court validation. Royal Hawaiian Theater/Level 4 validations apply for \$5 parking after 10:00 p.m. Dining and entertainment validations can be combined with retail validations of \$2 for 2 hours. No minimum purchase is required for validation.

Royal Hawaiian Center, the premier shopping and entertainment destination in Waikiki, consists of more than 310,000 square feet along a three-block stretch of Waikiki's famed Kalakaua Avenue. A dynamic mix of 110 world-class retailers, restaurants and entertainment options are offered at the four-level Center. The Center is situated on more than six acres of prime real estate in Waikiki and is owned by Kamehameha Schools. To learn more about the Center, visit www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com.

Hilton Hawaiian Village To Launch New “Camp Penguin” Children’s Program



Kids will discover their own private paradise in the Waikiki resort’s multi-faceted program

The Hilton Hawaiian Village® Beach Resort & Spa, one of Hawaii’s top family-friendly resorts, will launch an exciting new children’s program this fall, “Camp Penguin.” With its name and logo inspired by the property’s eight resident African black-footed penguins, the program promises to make magical vacation memories for children ages 5 to 12.

Camp Penguin will be based out of a 1,200-square-foot space in the beachfront resort’s Diamond Head Tower and will feature colorful wall murals, fabric-stuffed palm trees, bean bag furniture, lockers, soft carpeted areas and computer stations. The team of trained and caring camp counselors will immerse the children into the rich history and culture of Hawaii. The program also will help teach kids to protect the environment with green activities and crafts. A retail outlet will offer products that promote the “green theme,” including t-shirts and penguin-themed items made from recycled materials.

Every day of the week will feature a different Hawaiian theme and will include fun, educational activities with a focus on learning about Hawaii through storytelling, games, music, arts and crafts, hula and lei-making. Participants will learn the “Hawaiian Word of the Day,” which will be used often throughout the day. Off-property excursions will include visits to the Honolulu Zoo, the Waikiki Aquarium, Bishop Museum and Children’s Discovery Center. Daily themes include: “Wild About Hilton,” “Hawaiian Ocean Explorer,” “Hawaiian Skies,” “Treasures of Hawaii,” “Discover Hawaii,” “Waikiki Aloha Friday” and “Hawaiian Safari.”

At the end of each day, kids will receive *Camp Penguin Daily News*, a recap of the day’s adventures to allow parents an opportunity to engage in conversation with their children. Black and white themed drawings in the newspaper for kids to color will reflect the different Hawaiian themes and lined space will encourage kids to write a personal memory about their experience.

Parents will be able to choose between full-day (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and half-day (8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 11:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) programs. Camp Penguin will be limited to hotel guests only and will be priced at \$90 per child (\$85 without excursion) for a full day or \$65 per child for a half-day (\$60 without excursion). Lunch is included and all participants will receive a Camp Penguin t-shirt as a part of their registration fee. Pre-registration can be done 24 hours in advance at the social director’s desk in the hotel’s main lobby.

Camp Penguin will be incorporated into a number of property-wide family offerings, including children’s menus in the restaurants, activity discounts and room packages that will include Camp Penguin membership. Also in the works are a Camp Penguin Fan Club and a “For Kids Only” Web site. For more information, visit hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/penguin.

The Hilton Hawaiian Village is the only resort on Oahu that features African black-footed penguins. The eight penguins—*Pu, Malia, Icarus, Remy, Betty, Shaka, Kalina and Mana*—have endeared themselves to guests since the establishment of the Penguin Pond exhibit more than 20 years ago. Guests can interact with the penguins during morning feedings and learn about the species from the wildlife team. The comical birds are a part of the resort’s extensive wildlife collection, which also includes flamingos, macaws, ducks, ibises, turtles and fish.



Local Students And Artists To Create *Helumoa, He Wahi Pana*, An Arting-In-Place Program For Sheraton Waikiki

Sheraton Waikiki and Mea Makamae will be sponsoring an “Arting-in-Place” program called *Helumoa, He Wahi Pana* (A Storied Place), pairing students from various schools throughout O‘ahu with well-known local artists (*kumu*) and combining their creative efforts to produce art pieces that will be displayed throughout the resort. These pieces, which will depict the activities and culture of old Hawai‘i, will be created in two phases – over a 48-hour time span that will begin Friday, September 11 and conclude on Sunday, September 13 on-site at the Sheraton Waikiki with the artists and school children, and from Monday, September 14 to Wednesday, September 16, where the artists will put the finishing touches on the art before installation. The pieces are slated to be the focal points of a massive \$187 million renovation that has transformed the Sheraton Waikiki with facility upgrades to rooms, pools, public areas, food and beverage outlets and its catering and convention venues.

Participating in *Helumoa, He Wahi Pana* will be elementary students from Samuel Kamakau Public Charter, high school students from Punahou School, and public high school students who have participated in the Kamehameha “Scholars” summer intensive program at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. The professional artists leading the effort include Meleanna Meyer, Carl Pao, Harinani Orme, Solomon Enos, Al Lagunero, and Kumu kako‘o Alana Tiyau and Malia Andrus.

Helumoa, He Wahi Pana will offer students and teachers a unique opportunity to participate in a creative process of discovery and collaboration, and will be the first effort of its kind on O‘ahu. Working on-site within a finite period of time will challenge the resourcefulness and creativity of all participants. The results are not predictable – but rather organic and natural, coming from opportunity, serendipity, inspiration, *na‘au* (intuition) and *akua* (God). The collaborative piece will feature *Helumoa* with a focus on the coconut grove as it was known in traditional times, the surrounding Waikiki landscape at early morning and sunset, the mythology of the area, and aspects of the *niu* (coconut palm) as a tree of life. Working together and inspired by their surroundings and each other, the students and kumu will produce the piece – a 70’ by 7’ display that will be installed at the escalator leading up to the International Conference Center of the Pacific on the second floor of the Sheraton Waikiki.

Sheraton Waikiki stands on a historically-rich area called Helumoa, which was so named when a giant rooster named Ka‘auhelema was said to have scratched the ground at the feet of King Kakuhihewa in the 16th century. Kakuhihewa, taking this to be a sign from the gods, planted 10,000 coconut trees in honor of the occurrence, and many of these trees’ descendants still survive to this day.

“We are very proud of the Sheraton Waikiki’s connection to Helumoa and all of its rich history, and to have this opportunity to bring together local kids with local artists to form an artistic partnership that inspires creativity in the students and artists is an extreme honor,” said Sheraton Waikiki General Manager Kelly Sanders. Sanders continued, “We are very excited to feature such exceptional and unique works of art at our resort that bring elements of Hawaii’s rich cultural history to the modern day through art.”

After the students have completed their involvement with the project on September 13, the kumu will remain on-site at Sheraton Waikiki to put finishing touches on the art before installation. In addition, they will begin work on 33 other one-of-a-kind pieces that will be displayed in various areas of the hotel. The art will consist of two and three-dimensional pieces showcasing Hawaiian art and elements of life that were important to the Hawaiians and will range from authentic *kahili* and *ipu* to painted works relating to *kai* (ocean) and *loi* (taro patches). One of the additional works will be a spectacular four panel piece that draws its inspiration from *ahupua‘a*, the ancient land system that stretched from the sea to the mountains that sustained the Hawaiians.

The art pieces will be installed at the Sheraton Waikiki by September 30 with a dedication ceremony scheduled for early October. The public is welcome to view the pieces and tours of the artwork will be given twice daily, once in English and once in Japanese.

Mea Makamae, A Hawaii Treasure, promotes Hawaiian cultural arts and traditions by working with local artists and kumu to educate the public and raise awareness about our island’s heritage.

Special Sunday Showcase Celebrates 2008 Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame Honorees

Hall of Fame Showcase to include performances by some of the honorees as well as groups representing honorees who are no longer with us

On Sunday, September 20, from 4:45pm to 5:30pm, Waikiki Beach Walk will celebrate the musical contributions of the musical legends who make up the 2008 honorees of the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame with a special blessing and musical performances on the center's outdoor Plaza Stage.

New panels that highlight the ten 2008 honorees will be unveiled in the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame exhibit, which is located along the mauka corridor of the Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk that leads out to the open air plaza and stage. A special oli and blessing will be performed by Halau Mele, a gift to the late John Keola Lake, one of the 2008 honorees and founder of Halau Mele.

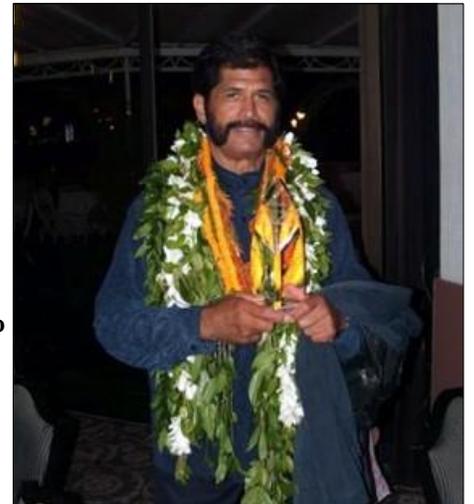
Following the blessing will be performances by two of the evening's honorees. Taking the stage first will be Noelani Mahoe, Mona Teves and Ethelene Teves, three of the four original members of the Leo Nahenahe Singers (right). Next up will be singer, musician, composer and recording artist Palani Vaughan, Jr. (bottom right), with his support musicians The Kings Own.

Although not yet confirmed, other musicians and groups have been invited to pay tribute to the 2008 honoree, who also include Joseph `Ae`a, Elizabeth Leilu`uhipolani `Alohikea, Alber Po`ai Nahale-a, Sr., Alice Johnson, Thomas Kihei Desha Brown, Anueha Audrey Brown and James Ka`upena Wong, Jr.

"This is going to be a very special evening," said James "Kimo" Stone. "Those of us who are here today have an important mission. It is up to us to honor those who have come before – the musicians, the composers, our kumu hula – to make sure the songs and music of Hawaii are preserved for generations to come."

The Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame Showcase is free and open to the public.

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.



Hawaiian Diacritical Marks

Waikiki Improvement Association recognizes the use of diacritical marks (i.e., glottal stop (‘), macron (ā) in place names of Hawai‘i, such as Waikiki and Kalākaua Avenue and will include them whenever possible. We also respect the individual use (or not) of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.

There will also be times when we may not have a chance to add or change the markings in all of the articles submitted and when that happens, e kālā mai.

Eight Inc. Opens Satellite Office in Beijing, China

Eight Inc, an internationally recognized creative firm that designs environments, communications and industrial design, is pleased to announce the addition of a satellite office in Beijing, China. The office will support projects in China and throughout Asia, and will coordinate efforts with other Eight Inc. offices in Europe, Asia and North America.

The addition of the Beijing office was prompted by an increase in the design firm's work in Asia, and a desire to better serve our international clientele within the expanding global market. In Beijing, Eight Inc. will be represented by Lynn Wang.

"Our presence in Beijing is imperative to our being able to better serve our clients in China and Asia, as well as allowing us to respectfully participate in Beijing's dynamic international design arena," said Tim Kobe, founder of Eight Inc.

Eight Inc. works with such international companies as Nokia, Apple and Citibank on projects throughout Asia and in China.

American Dental Association To Hold Annual Meeting In Hawai'i

The Hawai'i Convention Center will be hosting the American Dental Association's (ADA) 150th Annual Session from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4. The meeting is expected to draw an international attendance of 24,000.

"Hawai'i is a popular venue for our Annual Session attendees and we are thrilled to return here to again experience its great warmth and hospitality," said Dr. Robert Skinner, 2009 chair of the Council on ADA Sessions. "This year's Annual Session represents a special occasion for us because the ADA will be celebrating its 150th birthday and we cannot imagine a better location for the celebration than Hawai'i. We look forward to an outstanding Annual Session and 150th anniversary celebration, and enjoying the many wonders of the islands."

**Hapa Haole Festival this weekend,
see attached flyer**

These photos were published previously but without names.



Coconut Hut Lei Stand

L-R Rick Egged, Kahu Kordell Kekoa, Mike Kamahana (proprietor), Susan Todani, Kirk Horiuchi, Marleen Akau, Mike Nichelson



Aunty Bella's Lei Stand

L-R Marleen Akau, Kirk Horiuchi, Susan Todani, Naomi Wahinekaupua Braine (proprietor), Kapua Medeiros (proprietor), Rick Egged, Manu Boyd

**Join Reef Watch Waikiki to
Get the Drift and Bag It
Saturday, September 19
See attached flyer**

Waikiki Beach Walk's Sunday Showcase

September 13 – Pineapple Squeeze (Contemporary Hawaiian)

Self proclaimed “island passion musicians,” this group has been together for 12 years. Made up of members Geoff Kahapea, Arlene Montago, and Roy Hamada, their passions and talent emerge in the compilations of favorite local songs and Hawaiian arrangements. Their Sunday Showcase repertoire will include a variety of country, salsa, Hawaiian, swing, disco, reggae, and more!

Waikiki Beach Walk's Sunday Showcase is held every Sunday from 5:00 to

6:00 p.m. on the Plaza Stage and features a changing line-up of talented musicians from various genres, including Jazz, Hawaiian, Local Island Folk Songs, Contemporary and R & B.

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.



Waikīkī Hula Show at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows by Hawai'i's finest hula *hālau hula* (dance troupes) and Hawaiian performers. Opens with traditional blowing of conch shell.

Tues-Thurs-Fri-Sat, weather-permitting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound, near Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside at Uluniu & Kalākaua Ave. in Waikīkī.

FREE and open to the public. Outdoors, casual, seating on the grass; beach chairs, mats, etc. okay. Cameras welcome. Presented by the City & County of Honolulu, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Waikīkī Improvement Association.

For information, call Marnie Weeks, Producer, Kūhiō Beach Hula Shows, 843-8002.

Week-nights

Every Tuesday – Ainsley Halemanu and Hula Hālau Ka Liko O Ka Palai

Every Thursday – Joan "Aunty Pudgie" Young and Puamelia

Weekends

Saturday, Sept 12 – Colsen Kanei and Halau Kawaiianuhealehua

Sunday, Sept 13 – Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani



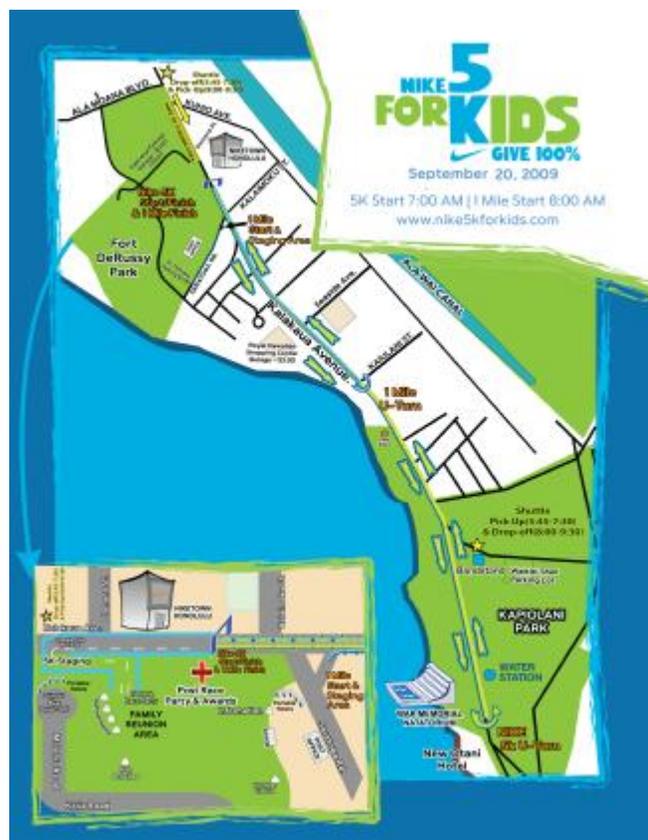
Waikīkī traffic watch

September 20, 2009 Sunday
7:00AM Starts
9:00AM Ends

NIKETOWN 5K RUN/WALK sponsored by Niketown Honolulu. The event is expected to have 8,000+ runners. It will start at Kalakaua Ave./Olohana St., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Kapahulu Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., end on Kalakaua Ave./Kalaimoku St. Kalakaua Ave. all lanes will be closed and traffic diverted to Kuhio Ave. at approx 6:30 am.

Please plan ahead as traffic will be slow through Waikiki between 5:30 and 9:30 a.m. The Honolulu Police Department will attempt to let cross-traffic flow through once the bulk of the runners have passed. Most roads should begin re-opening to cross traffic by 8:45 a.m. and Kalaimoku St. should re-open by approximately 10:00 a.m.

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If you would like to share news with other members of WIA, please send your info to editor@waikikiimprovement.com.

Check out our website at:
www.waikikiimprovement.com



Join Reef Watch Waikiki to Get the Drift & Bag it!

The International Coastal Clean-up is a beach clean-up like no other! Volunteers around the world will join together on the same day to remove trash and debris from beaches, reefs, and harbors and lakes. As the trash is collected, it is categorized and recorded on data sheets. Volunteers are needed right here in Waikiki!

DATE: Saturday, September 19, 2009

TIME: Meet @ 8:00 a.m., pau by 11:00 a.m. or before

**MEET: Just outside the Waikiki Aquarium
(2777 Kalakaua Avenue)**

BRING: Sun protection (sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, etc)

RSVP: To Jen at reefmail@hawaii.edu or 931-6061

Volunteers will tackle the beach areas from Kaimana Beach (a.k.a. San Souci) to as far West as you are willing and able to venture (towards Queen's beach, Kuhio beach, or beyond)

**To find other clean-up sites on Oahu (and beyond),
call 753-3311 or visit: www.signuptocleanup.org**



Beach debris on Waikiki beaches
Photos by Aaron J. Hightower



In partnership with organizations and individuals across the globe, the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup engages people to remove trash and debris from the world's beaches and waterways, identify the sources of debris, and change the behaviors that cause marine debris in the first place. Last year, nearly 400,000 people from 100 countries and 42 US states removed 6.8 million pounds of trash from our waterways. The data recorded inspires recycling efforts, and shapes policy decisions from the local to the international level.

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Press Release

7th ANNUAL HAPA HAOLE HULA & MUSIC FESTIVAL SWINGS INTO WAIKĪKĪ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, KAPI'OLANI PARK BANDSTAND

Kumu Hula Vicky Holt Takamine & PA'I Foundation Present a Celebration of
Waikīkī's Romantic and 'Wicky-Wacky' Era of Hula & Music

Honolulu, HI July 31, 2009: Waikīkī will come alive with the strains of Hapa Haole music when Kumu Hula Vicky Holt Takamine & PA'I Foundation present the 7th Annual Hapa Haole Hula & Music Festival, Saturday, September 12, 11am – 4pm at the Kapi'olani Park Bandstand. Locals and visitors alike will enjoy the afternoon of hula and music along with hula and lei-making lessons, food and craft booths.

Award-winning hālau and musicians will showcase the hula and music of this beloved era in Hawaiian history. Hapa Haole songs have Hawaiian themes, but are composed primarily in the English language. The music of this period was composed by native Hawaiians who were prohibited to speak their native language, visitors and residents of Hawai'i moved to write about its beauty and their experiences, and by those who had not even visited Hawai'i but had a romantic view of the islands. Many beautiful and fun songs—which have become hula classics—and some very "tacky" songs as well, came out of this era.

The music of this genre is sometimes under-appreciated. "Young people don't know the music — or know very little about it," says Takamine, "I think because of the Hawaiian renaissance, the movement to uphold kahiko, hapa haole has been neglected. My kumu hula, the late Auntie Maiki Aiu Lake, always said to support and know everything."

The celebration of Hapa Haole hula and music continues with the 7th Annual Hapa Haole Hula & Vocal Soloist Competition Friday, September 18, at the Hale Koa Hotel Lū'au Garden. For more information, please e-mail contact.paifoundation@gmail.com, call (808) 375-0847 or visit www.hapahaolefest.org.

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If you would like more information about the Kapi'olani Park event and the competition, or would like to schedule an interview with Kumu Hula Vicky Holt Takamine, please contact Ryan I. "Kaha'i'ōlelo" Sueoka at (808) 375-0847 or via e-mail kahai.pai@gmail.com. Images available upon request.