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Na Hoku O Hawaii Music Festival
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The four-day music festival develops and augments a living knowledge of Hawaiian music, arts, and crafts through workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions and performances of the highest quality and authenticity.

The Music Festival was awarded \$150,000 from Hawaii Tourism Authority's (HTA) \$1.238 million marketing opportunity fund for programs that will help to stimulate short- and long- term travel to Hawaii. For the daily schedule of activities and events, visit <http://nahokufestival.com/subpage.php?page=events>

The Na Hoku O Hawaii Music Festival kicks off on May 27 with a star studded sunset reception at the Hawaii Convention Center Rooftop. This must attend event brings kama'aina and visitor together with music, dance, and regional cuisine to satisfy every palate. Artists from across the globe will meet and greet the thousands who share their love of music and Hawaii.

Throughout the four days, the Na Hoku O Hawaii Music Festival presents a stellar list of musical performances, halau appearances, first-time collaborators, new artists and legends including: Henry Kaponu, Amy Hanaiali'i, Keali'i Reichel, Jake Shimabukuro, Lee Ritenour, Mākaha Sons, Anuhea, Hoku Zuttermeister, Kalapana and Rev. Dennis Kamakahi (pictured).



The finale takes place on Sunday, May 30. Part of the day's festivities include:

6:30pm-7:00pm VIP Red Carpet Arrivals - LIVE HD TV BROADCAST

7:30pm-10:00pm Hawaiian Airlines Presents Hawaii Academy of Recording Arts Na Hoku Hanohano Awards - LIVE HD TV BROADCAST

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Celebrate the Nā Hōkū O Hawai‘i Music Festival with a Free Twilight at Helumoa Concert by The Manao Company

A night of free entertainment by Kawika Trask & Friends, hula by Na Pualei O Likolehua and concert by The Manao Company

WHERE: Royal Hawaiian Center at Helumoa - The Royal Grove (Between Buildings B and C, along Kalakaua Avenue)

WHEN: Saturday, May 29, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - Kawika Trask & Friends
6:00 p.m. - Hula Kahiko Performance by Na Pualei O Likolehua
7:00 p.m. - The Manao Company Concert

DETAILS: Come and enjoy a spring concert under the stars. The night starts off with Kawika Trask & Friends at 5:00 p.m. Then the Ladies of Na Pualei O Likolehua, led by Kumu Hula Leinaala (Ala) Kalama Heine, will present traditional hula kahiko at 6:00 p.m. Kumu Leinaala, the celebrated hula soloist with the Brothers Cazimero, graduated as kumu hula from the late Maiki Aiu Lake and also studied with Joe Kahauleilio and Vicky Ii Rodrigues, among many others. This halau performance is part of the Center's ongoing Hula Kahiko at Helumoa Saturday evening series of traditional hula.

To top off the evening, enjoy a live music concert by The Manao Company, with famous island hits such as "Drop Baby Drop" and "Stepping Out." The Manao Company began in the 1980s with Sean Naauao and Danny Kennedy. This renowned group helped pioneer the Jawaiian/contemporary Hawaiian music genre.

"This Twilight at Helumoa concert is a fitting tie-in for the Na Hoku o Hawaii Music Festival, a first-time event tying in with the Na Hoku Hanohano awards," said Manu Boyd, cultural director for Royal Hawaiian Center. "The Royal Grove's ethnobotanical garden and the Pauahi statue create an awesome backdrop where kamaaina and malihini can come together to enjoy special events at Helumoa."

Twilight at Helumoa is free and open to the public, but canned goods to benefit Hawaii Food Bank are greatly appreciated. A beer and wine garden will also be available, to benefit the Hawaii Food Bank. For more information, visit www.RoyalHawaiianCenter.com, or call Lei Ohu Guest Services at (808) 922-2299.

FREE PUBLIC PARKING: Offer valid through June 30, 2010.

Royal Hawaiian Center has the largest garage in the heart of Waikīkī 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. Special event parking validation rates are available at \$5. Dining and entertainment validations can be combined with retail validations of \$2 for 2 hours. No minimum purchase is required for validation.

Hawaiian Diacritical Marks

Waikīkī Improvement Association recognizes the use of diacritical marks (i.e., glottal stop (‘), macron (ā) in place names of Hawai‘i, such as Waikīkī 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 kala mai.

Battle of the Paddle Hawaii

Outrigger Reef on the Beach “Stands Up” in Support of Hawaii’s First Stand-up Paddle Festival

Free poolside screening of “Blue Crush” and autograph session with Gerry Lopez and Roxy Team Riders set for Saturday, June 12

Outrigger Reef on the Beach is pleased to be the hotel sponsor of this year’s Rainbow Sandals Gerry Lopez Battle of the Paddle Hawaii, presented by Quiksilver Waterman Collection. Set for June 12 and 13 at historic Duke Kahanamoku Beach at Fort DeRussy Beach Park, the Battle of the Paddle is a stand-up paddle (SUP) festival and exposition that includes a series of races and demonstrations for all ages and skill levels. For the sport’s elite paddlers, it presents the greatest championship-styled SUP race, as well as the sport’s largest cash purse of over \$25,000.

“Stand-up paddling is a dynamic platform full of fun and what we’ve come to know as the aloha spirit,” said Jay “Sparky” Longley, founder of Rainbow Sandals. “For that reason, we are ecstatic to bring Battle of the Paddle to Hawaii for the first time this year. We thank our sponsors for joining us to make this a reality.”

Keeping with the weekend’s water theme, Outrigger Reef on the Beach will have a free screening of the movie “Blue Crush,” on Saturday, June 12, at 8 p.m., and the public is invited to enjoy this poolside showing under the stars. Prior to the screening, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the public can meet Hawaii surf icon Gerry Lopez, together with several Roxy Team Riders, who will sign autographs and pose for photos.

“After a day in the sun cheering on their favorite stand-up paddlers, kamaaina can kick back and relax around the Outrigger Reef pool with a great surf film on our outdoor screen,” said Bill Comstock, Outrigger Reef on the Beach’s general manager. “Best of all, folks will have a chance to meet and talk story with surf legend Gerry Lopez, as well as several of the female pros who make up the Roxy Team. I call that a pretty great evening of fun and entertainment!”

The movie will be shown on an expansive 10 foot by 14 foot screen set up by the pool. Guests can order cocktails, pupus, and other non-alcoholic drinks at the poolside Kani Ka Pila Grille. Space is limited and seating is first come, first served. Valet parking is \$5.00 for up to four hours.

Outrigger Reef on the Beach sits on one of the world’s most famous beaches. The hotel recently completed a stunning \$110 million makeover, which has transformed it into Oahu's newest haven of elegance, gracious hospitality and unparalleled commitment to Hawaiian culture. Enlarged guest rooms, superbly appointed suites, beachfront restaurants, new shops, a day spa featuring specialty services and products by Aveda, and the new Kani Ka Pila Grille -home to some of Hawaii’s best island music- are some of the new amenities that set this property apart from all others. The adjacent Waikiki Beach Walk® is Oahu's spirited and stylish new entertainment destination, home to shops, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants and accommodations spanning a nearly eight-acre area in Waikiki.

During the Battle of the Paddle weekend, kamaaina can reserve a room at Outrigger Reef on the Beach starting at \$139 per night, plus 50 percent off overnight valet parking. For reservations, call your preferred travel professional or 1-800-OUTRIGGER. For more information or online reservation, visit www.outriggerreef.com. Room rates and specials cannot be combined with other offers and are subject to availability and change. Restrictions may apply. Taxes are not included.

Find Outrigger Reef on the Beach via Twitter and Facebook to receive the most up-to-date property information and exclusive discounts:

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/outriggerreef>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/OutriggerReefOnTheBeach

Grammy-nominated Henry Kaponu to bring “The Wild Hawaiian Experience” to Hilton Hawaiian Village

*The Daring New Show will be Featured Every Saturday Starting May 29
at the Resort’s Super Pool Stage*

When it was released in 2006, Henry Kaponu’s wildly unique *The Wild Hawaiian* music CD premiered on the top of the Billboard World Music Charts and created a buzz around the world. Nominated for a Grammy in 2007, the Hoku Award-winning work will now be the musical score for Kaponu’s newest production, *The Wild Hawaiian Experience*.

Premiering on Saturday, May 29 at Hilton Hawaiian Village’s Super Pool stage, *The Experience* is a journey that embraces and celebrates the core essence of Kaponu’s passion for his Hawaiian roots. The show is a fusion of culture and contemporary performance art. From deeply felt Hawaiian classics with an electric sound to a dazzling mix of rock and hip hop, the show features a spectrum of musical styling. Kaponu has tapped some of Hawaii’s most notable musicians to be a part of *The Wild Hawaiian Experience* Orchestra, including Jonathan Hawes (base guitar); Lopaka Colon (percussions); Konrad Kendrick (drums) and Ethan Capone (keyboards).



Poetic vocals by the nationally-acclaimed Kealoha are woven into the show to reflect the core of Kaponu’s beliefs that sum up the essence of the show: *Respect, Passion, Courage, Paradise, Music, Unity, Family, Love, Perpetuate and Children*. These core values are entwined in the featured songs: “Na Ali’i,” “He’eia,” “Taboo,” “Hawaii Aloha A Mau Loa,” “Eho Mai,” “Hilo Hamakahi,” “Na Makua,” “Hi’ilawe,” “Ke Aloha o Ka Haku (The Queen’s Prayer),” “Ehoku Mea Nui” and “Ka Lea, O Ka Manu.” Adding spice and excitement to the music are Kenny Endo (taiko drums), one of Hawaii’s leading personas in contemporary percussion and rhythm; Au Shaolin Arts Society (Chinese Lion Dance) and Tihati Productions (fire knife and hula dancers, torch lighter).

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. with *The Wild Hawaiian Experience* starting at 7:30 p.m. every Saturday evening. General admission will be priced at \$20 per person and will include one drink. VIP tickets will be priced at \$35 per person and will include two drinks and premium poolside seating. Prices include validated self-parking. Tickets can be purchased by phone by calling 808-947-7877 or at the door. For more information, visit: hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/wild.

Henry Kaponu has been a Hawaii entertainment icon for decades. He has been at the forefront of the island music scene as one half of the renowned, “Cecilio & Kaponu” duo. “C&K” as they are known, recorded 13 albums, many of which went on to win Na Hoku Hanohano awards. Kaponu launched his solo career in 1981 with 14 albums to date and five Na Hoku Hanohano awards, including one for *The Wild Hawaiian*, which also garnered a Grammy nomination the same year.

Kaponu’s musical metamorphosis – from traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music to alternative pop rock – was not done without purpose. “I wanted the songs to say what they were really meant to say,” said Kaponu. “My goal in rearranging them was to truly show the immense power that I feel in each song’s lyrics.”

“*The Wild Hawaiian* represents the most traditional and most radical works of Henry Kaponu’s career,” wrote Nate Chinen in a review of the music CD for the *New York Times*. “He cross-pollinated cultures with such panache!”

And now, in addition to his ageless music, audiences will be able to enjoy an evening of poetry, dance, theatrics and special effects by Kaponu and his cast at Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki.

Azure Restaurant Chef Jon Matsubara unveils a new Five-Course “Taste Of Azure” Menu

The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort’s Azure Restaurant is pleased to announce its new tasting menu with exquisite wine pairings that will leave a lasting impression beyond compare. Executive Chef Jon Matsubara has created a delectable five-course menu featuring unique island dishes of locally caught fish prepared with fresh, local ingredients. The “Taste of Azure” menu is offered nightly from 5:30 to 9 p.m. for \$65 per person or \$85 per person with wine pairings.

The “Taste of Azure” menu consists of the following signature menu items:

Azure Sashimi

*Hawaiian Yellow Tail Ahi, Japanese Hamachi
Avocado & Watermelon Radish Salad, Ginger Vinaigrette, Papadum
Crisp*

*Wine Pairing: Crois de Susana Balbo Malbec Rose’

Ocean Cappuccino

*Dungeness Crab & Black Tiger Shrimp
Bouillabaisse*

Kona Lobster Tail Risotto

*Marinated Tomato, Saffron, Waialua Asparagus
Wine Pairing: BEX Riesling*

Braised Veal & Quail Egg

*Hamakua Mushroom, Taro & Brandy Puree, Liquid Parmesan
Wine Pairing: Vita Nova Merlot by Jim Clendenen*

Kula Strawberries & Fior Di Latte

Balsamic & Cinnamon Fadrizzle



“Azure’s new ‘Taste of Azure’ menu is truly a unique culinary experience at an unbelievable value. We are excited to share this amazing menu of locally sourced seafood that’s been carefully prepared with special ingredients unique to the islands,” said Chef Matsubara.

Azure provides the ultimate dining experience – relaxing and incredibly sophisticated with tantalizing views of Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach. For restaurant reservations or more information, please contact the Starwood dining desk at 921-4600 or e-mail tdrc.hawaii@starwoodhotels.com. All applicable taxes will be applied and a 17 percent gratuity will automatically be applied for parties of seven or more. Four-hour complimentary self or valet parking is available.

Sunday Showcase at Waikiki Beach Walk®

May 30 Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Hālau Nā Pua Mai Ka Lani is under the direction of kumu hula Kale Pawai. This non-competitive hula hālau (school) have been performing both the ancient (Kahiko) and modern (‘auana) styles of hula since 2003. Kumu Kale is proud to share the art of hula with everyone who visits Waikiki Beach Walk.

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. For more information, contact the Waikiki Beach Walk’s management office at (808) 931-3591.

Beauty Queens to grace Waikiki Beach Walk® Plaza Stage

The beauty of Waikiki is apparent everyday, but on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, Waikiki Beach Walk® will be even more alluring as three Miss Hawaii contestants are scheduled to make a special appearance and wow the audience by showcasing their special talents.

The festivities will run from 4:30 to 6:30 pm starting with the traditional Ku Ha'aheo Show, Waikiki Beach Walk's weekly hula and music performance under the direction of Blaine Kia. The crowd will then be introduced to three Miss Hawaii 2010 contestants -- Pono Fernandez - Miss Waikiki, Shannon Dresser - Miss Oahu, and Tioni Tam Sing - Miss Diamond Head, who will each perform their individual talents. Be sure to have your pens and cameras ready, as the beauties will sign autographs and pose for photos immediately following the program. Interested in finding out more about each contestant? Get to know them better below:

Miss Diamond Head 2010 -- Tioni Tam Sing (left), the oldest daughter of Paul and Antanette Tam Sing, is a student at University of Hawaii-Manoa and is planning a career in the entertainment industry. Prior to her current title, she was Miss Island Oahu 2009, and Miss Kona Coffee 2007. Tioni is a lead singer at her home church in Waipahu, The City of Refuge Christian Church, as well as a lead vocalist of Kumanu, a local group that tours high schools and performs a fusion of inspirational music. Her platform is "Breaking the Silence of Domestic Violence," and she plans to create a non-profit program that teaches youth about the cycle of domestic abuse.

Miss Oahu 2010 -- Shannon Dresser (middle) holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Speech from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. She also just recently completed a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution. Shannon is a familiar face in the UH sports arena as she is the feature twirler for the University of Hawaii. She feels blessed to be able to share her passion for baton twirling with the people of Hawaii and has been tasked to lead the Baton Hawaii Group.

Miss Waikiki 2010 -- Pono Fernandez (right), a second-year Hawaiian language Masters student at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, is aiming to graduate this fall. She currently teaches introductory Hawaiian language courses at the University. Pono plans to pursue a career as a teacher and aspires to receive her PhD in English or Education. Passionate about hula, she currently dances for Halau o ke 'A'ali'i Ku Makani, under the direction of Manu Boyd. Pono chose to compete in the Miss Hawai'i organization in order to act as a role model and touch the lives of those with whom she interacts.

With affordable parking at only \$6.00 (valet parking) for up to four hours at the Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk (201 Beachwalk) and the Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Waikiki Beach Walk (227 Lewers Street), with same-day purchase from any establishments, head down to Waikiki Beach Walk and be a part of this fun and exciting event! Photos by Paul Hayashi Photography.



Duke's Waikiki continues to honor namesake with 2010 Duke's Ocean Mile Swim

WHAT:

2010 Duke's Ocean Mile Swim. Duke's Waikiki once again hosts this one-mile open ocean sprint along the Waikiki shoreline in honor of its namesake, the legendary Duke Kahanamoku. It was in these waters fronting the popular beachfront restaurant that the father of modern-day surfing and five-time Olympic medalist swimmer first honed his amazing skills.

Swimmers of all ages are invited to participate in the swim, which features a triangular course and start times paced at five-minute intervals. Age groups include: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and older. Commemorative plaques will be awarded to the first place finisher in each age group and gift certificates will be presented to the top three finishers in each group.

The swim is open to the first 300 entrants, and the entry fee is \$25 per swimmer. All participants will receive a continental breakfast, refreshments and 2010 Duke's Ocean Mile Swim shirt. All proceeds raised will benefit the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Scholarship Fund.

WHEN: Saturday, August 28, 2010

Check-in at 8 a.m. Race start time at 9 a.m.

WHERE: Duke's Canoe Club Waikiki Beachfront
Outrigger Waikiki Hotel, 2335 Kalakaua Avenue

INFO: Online applications may be found at www.dukefoundation.org <<http://www.dukefoundaton.org>> and at www.dukeswaikiki.com <<http://www.dukeswaikiki.com>> . For entry forms or additional information, please contact Diane Stowell at (808) 955-3534 or email stowell001@hawaii.rr.com <<mailto:stowell001@hawaii.rr.com>> .

The Duke's One-Mile Ocean Swim is one of many exciting ocean sports competitions and events being held as part of the 9th Annual Duke's OceanFest from August 22-28, 2010.

'Ukulele Hawaiian Style at Waikīkī Community Center

Join John Signor at Waikiki Community Center who teaches basic 'ukulele skills, Hawaiian pronunciation and phrasing each Friday at 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you love to sing and play Hawaiian "mele" songs then join his class. "He Mele Aloha" a Hawaiian songbook is the basic text that's used in class and can be purchased at any fine music store.

'Ukulele Hawaiian Style is each Friday morning at 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the centers auditorium. Fee for 10 week course is \$27 for WCC members, and \$45 non-members. Single fee is \$4 and \$7.

Waikiki Community Center located in the heart of Waikiki (310 Paoakalani Avenue) offers innovative programs for children, families and senior adults and has been serving the community for the past 32 years. Complimentary parking is available while attending classes.

For further information call (808) 923-1802 or visit our website at www.waikikicommunitycenter.org.



Rimowa announces Salsa Deluxe voted Best Luggage for 2010

The Lightest Salsa of All Time, Wins 2010 Travel and Leisure Designer Award!

German luggage maker, RIMOWA announces that its latest addition to the Salsa Range and the lightest Salsa of all time, Salsa Deluxe as exclusively available at the RIMOWA Waikiki Store on Kalakaua Avenue, has been voted "best luggage" by Travel & Leisure Magazine FOR 2010.

"We are thrilled and honored to have received this award. To be recognized as having the best luggage of the year is not something we take lightly. This gives us the confidence that our hard work and dedication is being recognized and appreciated" says Dieter Morszeck, CEO of RIMOWA. "This award means a lot to us, and to our customers."

RIMOWA earned the luggage award for the design, functionality and durability of their Salsa Deluxe line, a follow-up to the successful Salsa Series. The Salsa Deluxe series is a cutting edge collection of luggage that taps into all of the needs of today's travelers. The intelligent line is the result of RIMOWA's commitment to producing the best luggage in the world. The collection is extremely durable with the 100% polycarbonate shell and features sophisticated and stylish new colors that complement any style. The tonal edging and accessories are both functional and fashionable.



The Salsa Deluxe lightweight cases help prevent the problem of overweight baggage. Each case is lightweight, with the largest case weighing in at only 12.1 lbs. With a well-crafted interior, even the most novice packer will be able to pack with ease thanks to the removable and adjustable flex divider system. Even with the case half full, travelers can ensure their belongings will stay in place for the length of their trip.

The new "add a bag" system makes attaching a smaller case uncomplicated so the traveler can transport several cases with ease. The RIMOWA Multiwheel® system allows for effortless transport through the airport as the case can be rolled or spun any way, on two or four wheels. Finally, travelers can rest assured knowing that their belongings will remain secure thanks to the TSA Locks® integrated onto each bag.

TUESDAY NIGHT SALSA

Beginners Salsa 102 is at Waikiki Community Center with Abron Toure and Marianne Howard and held on Tuesday evenings at 5:30-6:30 p.m. This class is 60 minutes in learning the basic turn patterns. Instruction will include a little history of Salsa as well as how dancing is key to the moves and steps; how the feet must learn to develop a relationship with the floor. The class is open to all who want to experience the joy of movement and learn a combination of steps that will allow you to comfortably express the language of dance. So come join the fun!

Classes are held every Tuesday evening at 5:30-6:30 p.m. in WCC auditorium. The dates are: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 20, 27, August 3, 17, 24. Additional dates will follow. Fee for 3 week course is \$15 for WCC members and \$21 for non-members. The single fee is \$6 and \$9.

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FREE concert celebrates close of Military Appreciation Month

Hawaii Military Bands Mele at Kuroda Field

Live Top 40, Country, Classic Rock, Motown, and Island Style music from your US Military Bands and special performance by Kapena!

US Army- Show of Force / US Navy- High Tide / US Marines- Showband / US Air Force- Hana Hou! Kick off your Memorial Day weekend with a fabulous FREE night of music under the stars!!

Food, beverages, and beer go on sale at 6:00pm, when gates open. Open to the public. No coolers or lawn chairs please.

Parking is limited, arrive early and park in the old Nike Town parking garage on Kalakaua or take The Bus to Kalia Road. For more information, contact the USAF Band of the Pacific-Hawaii (808)448-0281 / www.bandofthepacific-hawaii.af.mil



Aqua welcomes Jernell Mendonca and Luana Kekaula-Castillo

Aqua Hotels & Resorts welcomes Jernell Mendonca, General Manager and Luana Kekaula-Castillo, Sales Manager of the Maile Sky Court.

“We’re pleased to have both Jernell and Luana become part of the Aqua team in Waikiki,” said Guy Underkoffler, Aqua Sr. Vice President. “They both bring many years of experience and dedicated service in Hawaii’s visitor industry.”

Jernell Mendonca, General Manager

Mendonca has more than 20 years of Hawaii hotel and lodging experience. She has held management positions with Aston Hotels & Resorts and Castle Resorts & Hotels at various properties including Waikiki Shore, Hawaiian Monarch, Inn on the Park and, as general manager of the Waikiki Terrace (now Luana Waikiki).

Mendonca has been general manager of the 596-room Maile Sky Court since July 2008. She leads a team of dedicated employees who make this property a favorite choice of travelers on a budget.

Aqua Hotels & Resorts assumed management of the Maile Sky Court in December 2009.

Luana Kekaula-Castillo, Sales Manager

With over 25 years of hospitality experience, Kekaula-Castillo handles all aspects of sales generated from all market segments for Maile Sky Court referred from Aqua’s home office as well as through her own partnership and development efforts. She also handles group requests for the hotel and assists revenue and reservations with rates, availability, contracts and projects.

Prior to her position with Maile Sky Court, Kekaula-Castillo held sales management positions with Castle Resorts & Hotels, Business Leisure Holidays, Aston Hotels & Resorts and Ala Moana Hotel. She graduated from Cannon’s College of Business and has completed sales and marketing management training programs with Holiday Inns and Best Western Hotels.

Kekaula-Castillo can be reached at lkekaula@aquaresorts.com.



Outrigger Hotels & Resorts presents Kani Ka Pila Talent Search

WHAT: 2nd Annual Kani Ka Pila Grille Talent Search

Outrigger Hotels & Resorts is proud to present the 2nd annual Kani Ka Pila Talent Search. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting once-a-year musical event as six aspiring recording artists/groups of traditional and/or contemporary Hawaiian music competes for a chance to win a month-long paid contract at Kani Ka Pila Grille and to perform on the same stage as some of Hawaii's most prominent artists, such as Cyril Pahinui, Manoa DNA, Sean Naauao and Kaukahi, just to name a few.

The six talented contenders set to compete on stage this Friday are Ke Kani Nahe, Puli Trio, Ka Hua, Maka'ala Perry, Hilo One and U'i Milles. The Kani Ka Pila Grille Talent Search will run in conjunction with the first Na Hoku O Hawaii Music Festival, a four-day celebration of Hawaiian music featuring workshops, exhibits, and live performances, and culminating with the prestigious Na Hoku Hanohano Music Awards on May 30, 2010.

WHERE: Kani Ka Pila Grille, Outrigger Reef on the Beach, 2169 Kalia Road, Waikiki.

WHEN: Friday: May 28, 2010 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

PARKING: \$5.00 validated valet parking for up to 2-hours will be available at the Kani Ka Pila Grille

EVENT INFO: Call Luana Maitland at (808) 923-3111

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-Sat-Sun, 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

Sat May 29 – Coline Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sun May 30 – Momi Cruz-Losano and Halau Hula Namakahonuakapiliwale



Street activity in / near Waikīkī (courtesy of the City)

May 28, 2010 Friday
6:30PM Starts
9:00PM

Ends May 28, 2010 Friday
6:30PM Starts
9:00PM Ends

TROY BARBOZA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN sponsored by Special Olympics Hawaii. The event is expected to have 1,000 participants in relay teams, escorted by HPD. Run: It will start at Ft. DeRussy Park on Maluhia Rd., to Kalia Rd., to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalākaua Ave., to Kapahulu Ave., to Old Wai'alaē Rd., to Kalei Rd., to Lower Campus Rd., to end at Les Murakami Stadium. Walk: It will start at First Hawaiian Bnak on Kapahulu Ave., Old Wai'alaē Rd., Kalei Rd., Lower Campus Rd., to end at Les Murakami Stadium.

Contact: Ben Moszkowicz 368-0680.

For more info, visit their

website: <http://www.specialolympicshawaii.org/index.html>

May 31, 2010 Monday
6:30PM Starts
8:30PM Ends

SHINNYO-EN LANTERN FLOATING CEREMONY (TORO NAGAISHI) sponsored by Na Lei Aloha Foundation/Shinnyo-en Hawaii/City & County of Honolulu. The event is expected to have 30,000+ participants in Ala Moana Beach Park. Various traffic controls in and around Ala Moana Park may be implemented as early as 9 am. Ewa Entrance will be closed to inbound traffic. Avoid this area if possible, use alternate routes.

Contact: Tom Nishiyama or Roy Kurata of Shinnyo-En Hawaii

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For more info, visit their website: <http://www.lanternfloatinghawaii.com/>



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‘ŌLELO OLA O KA ‘ĀINA LIVING LANGUAGE OF THE LAND

‘aha mele = concert • **hopena pule**
= weekend • **ho‘okani pila** = to play
music

Ma Helumoa nō e mālama ‘ia ana he ‘aha mele Hawai‘i i kēia hopena pule. Na Kawika Trask mā a ‘o The Mana‘o Company e ho‘okani pila ana.

A Hawaiian concert will be held this weekend at Royal Hawaiian Center at Helumoa. Kawika Trask & Friends (pictured above) and The Mana‘o Company will perform. (see story below).



Dwight Kanae, Kawika Trask and Keao Costa perform nahenahe Hawaiian music and hula at Helumoa every Monday and Tuesday at 6 pm in The Royal Grove



The Mana‘o Company headlines 5/29 manuahi Twilight concert

Jack Ofoia, Kaulana Pakele, Salaam Tilman, Danny Kennedy and Frank Sua are The Mana‘o Company – the talented performing and recording group that got its start in the early 1990’s. Led by Kennedy who also helped pull the group together with former member Sean Na‘auao, The Mana‘o Company is best known for its classic, “Drop Baby Drop,” and a more recent hit featuring Keali‘i Reichel, “A-L-O-H-A” (*a little aloha in your day*). The Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning group will headline at Royal Hawaiian Center’s Twilight at Helumoa concert, Sat., May 29.

This month’s event is in conjunction with the first-ever Nā Hōkū o Hawai‘i Music Festival designed to give more hype and attention to the decades-old Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards. Also performing at the Twilight event will be Kawika Trask & Friends, Kumu Hula Leinā‘ala Kalama Heine and The La-

dies of Nā Pualei O Likolehua. ‘Ala Heine, besides being a longtime kumu hula and graduate of the legendary Maiki Aiu Lake, has been the solo feature dancer for the Brothers Cazimero since the mid-1970s.

Twilight at Helumoa is *manuahi* – free to the public, and kicks off 5 pm. Randy Hudnall of KINE Radio will serve as master of ceremonies.

For the first time, a beer & wine garden will be on hand, as well as hot dogs and snacks. Proceeds from food and beverage sales will benefit the Hawai‘i Foodbank. Mahalo to Primo Beer for their sponsorship and support.

Come and enjoy the beauty of *your* Waikīkī. Welcome to Royal Hawaiian Center at Helumoa.

Get your *Grove* on ... Aloha!



Waikiki Beach Clean-up!

June 12, 2010

(Kamehameha Day)

Please join the Waikiki Ohana Workforce of the **Waikiki Improvement Association** for a Waikiki Beach Clean-up!

Continental Breakfast to be provided. Please RSVP @923-1094
(Validated parking at the Waikiki Trade Center, entrance off of Seaside Ave.)

7:00 am: Meet at the Duke Kahanamoku Statue in Kuhio Beach Park .
(Transportation will be provided to other clean-up areas.)

9:00 am: Ends back at Kuhio Beach Park.

- Wear a company t-shirt and have a photo taken!
- All are welcome!
- RSVP 923-1094 ext. 6.

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