



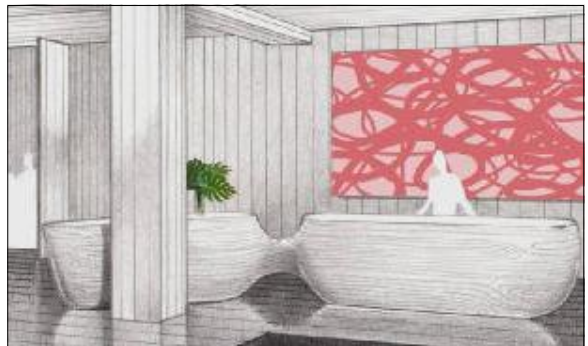
Waikiki EDITION Hotel slated to open in October

The exciting hotel news on the horizon is about the Waikiki EDITION—scheduled to open on October 20, 2010. The website was launched recently offering news, renderings and information released to the public for the first time. Here is the link: www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/hnleb-the-waikiki-edition/.

According to the website ... The Waikiki EDITION is a stunning new Urban Resort conceived by Ian Schrager in a partnership with Marriott International. Luxe, yet simple and modern, The Waikiki EDITION is a game-changer for the lifestyle hotel experience combining for the very first time not only great design and true innovation, but also great, personal, friendly, modern service as well as outstanding, one-of-a-kind food, beverage and entertainment offerings... "all under one roof".

A partial list of the hotel's features and dining include:

- 353 Rooms and Suites - Many with private furnished terraces
- One-of-a-kind 1,500 square foot Penthouse with 1,400 square foot wrap around outdoor furnished and landscaped terrace, private dining room and kitchen, entertainment center, custom fabrics and furniture throughout
- Morimoto restaurant with private dining area and indoor / outdoor seating
- 24-Hour state-of-the-art physical fitness center
- Surf and Bikini Boot Camps with custom organic, vegetarian spa menus
- Full service spa offering the latest treatments
- Private Sunset Beach with lagoon
- Sunrise pool with lushly landscaped gardens
- Outdoor movie theater with first run movies, art and video installations
- Extensive indoor and outdoor banquet and private event facilities including a 9,200 square foot Ballroom - the largest luxury Ballroom on O'ahu
- Crazybox Nightclub
- Twice daily housekeeping service



Rendering of the entrance (top) and lobby from the website

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Rally of Champions on Waikiki Beach to showcase feats of Hawai'i teams and athletes — followed by a movie

The City and County of Honolulu and Waikīkī Improvement Association, in partnership with the Honolulu County Sports Commission, hosts a Rally of Champions on Waikīkī Beach on Saturday, June 26, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann said, "This year has been more than a 'Field of Dreams' for Hawai'i sports teams and athletes who've garnered national titles and honors. As we did with the 'Ewa Beach and Waipi'o Little League World Series champions, and with the University of Hawai'i Warriors following the Sugar Bowl, we want to show our appreciation by honoring these outstanding student-athletes and coaches for their amazing feats on the national stage."

In addition to the Waikīkī Improvement Association, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* are sponsors of the celebration.

The red carpet will be rolled out for sports champs who made their mark in national competition in recent months. Feted teams or individuals include:

- Hawai'i Pacific University Sea Warrior softball squad, NCAA Division II national champion
- University of Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine softball team, WAC champion and NCAA Women's College World Series participant
- University of Hawai'i Rainbow baseball team, the WAC champion
- Hawai'i Pacific University Cheer and Dance Team, Division II National Champions
- Amber Kaufman, high-jump gold medalist in the NCAA Track and Field competition
- Punahou School boys volleyball team
- Pac-Five softball team
- Campbell High School softball team
- Kamehameha Schools varsity cheerleaders, who earned a national crown

Benny Agbayani (pictured), he former Major Leaguer and HPU star, will be a special guest. The evening will be hosted by broadcaster Bobby Curran and former UH baseball star and broadcaster Howard Dashefsky. Nesian NINE will perform. The featured movie will be "Field of Dreams," in keeping with the baseball theme of the event.

City Council Chairman Todd Apo, a star student-athlete at Kamehameha Schools and Brown University and member of the Honolulu County Sports Commission, said, "It's impressive to see the success of so many O'ahu student-athletes this season. Their achievements have inspired all of us, especially when we watched them take center stage—statewide and nationally. We are certainly proud of them, of their hard work, and for the continued legacy of athletic excellence in Hawaii."

UH Athletic Director Jim Donovan, a Sports Commission member and former UH football star, said, "The achievements by our softball and baseball teams, as well as an outstanding individual effort by Amber Kaufman to win the national high jump title, demonstrate the quality of student-athletes we have at the University of Hawai'i. Our softball team's journey to the Women's College World Series captivated the entire state while our baseball team rallied together to win the WAC crown. What a week that was for UH Athletics and what better way to end the 2009-10 season as Amber became our first track and field national champion in 26 years!"

Hannemann, who excelled as a scholar-athlete at 'Iolani and Harvard, believes that sports provide strong character and an intellectual foundation for success: "Our local athletes understand that hard work and excellence in the classroom and on the field can lead to a productive lifestyle."



Top national honor for Aqua Waikiki Wave housekeeper

Leticia Gamiao named America's "Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year" by AHLA

Aqua Hotels & Resorts (www.aquaresorts.com) is proud to announce that Leticia Gamiao, a housekeeper at Aqua Waikiki Wave Hotel, captured the award for "Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year" - medium-size property in the nation-wide competition held by the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA). Gamiao won the award after a 50-state competition which included hundreds of thousands of hotel employee nominations. She is the first Aqua recipient and a 12-year Aqua employee.

As the country's only association representing all sectors and stakeholders in the U.S. lodging industry, AHLA's coveted award was presented to Gamiao during the annual Stars of the Industry recognition ceremony at the Arizona Biltmore hotel on June 16.

Leticia Gamiao was selected on the basis of her exceptional service to hotel guests and excellent housekeeping performance. She also personally writes and leaves 'aloha notes' on the night stand for all guests staying on the 12th floor that she services. In 2009, Gamiao was singled out by name on more than 100 comment cards received from hotel guests. In the past three years, she has hand-written over 10,000 notes to her guests.

"This is a tremendous honor for Leticia and we are extremely proud of her," said Lynette Eastman, Area General Manager for Aqua Waikiki Wave, and also the one who nominated Gamiao.

"I can't say enough about how wonderful this award is for Leticia, her team at Aqua Waikiki Wave and for all of us at Aqua," added Ben Rafter, President & CEO. "It demonstrates perfectly how we all make a difference shaping our visitors' Hawai'i experience."

In January 2010, Gamiao was the recipient of the Na Poe Pa'ahana award for Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year, from the Hawai'i Hotel and Lodging Association, the statewide trade organization of hotels, hotel management firms, hotel owners, suppliers, and other related firms and individuals. By capturing the top honor, she represented Hawaii as HHLA's nominee for the national American Hotel & Lodging Association Stars of the Industry Awards.

Leticia Gamiao has been a Waikiki housekeeper for more than 12 years. She started at the Coral Reef and remained with the hotel throughout its renovation - a process which transformed it into the Aqua Waikiki Wave.



Leticia, front, was surrounded by (clockwise from left) Flora Bumanglag, Exec. Housekeeper, Richard Mandel - President, Ramsfield Real Estate, Ben Rafter - Aqua President & CEO, Mike Paulin - Aqua Chairman & Founder and Lynette Eastman, Aqua Area General Manager

Waikīkī Wiki Wiki Wire - Newsletter Deadline

Waikīkī-related news and information submitted for the weekly Waikīkī Wiki Wiki Wire should be received no later than 3 pm Wednesday for newsletters published and distributed the same evening.

Information received after the deadline will be considered for inclusion in the following issue.

Photos which accompany stories are always welcome and, for best results, should be attached to the email as a separate jpeg - maximum 1 MB per image please.

Your kokua is appreciated. *Mahalo.*

Catch the Mystery at Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk's Moonlight Movie showing of "Sherlock Holmes"

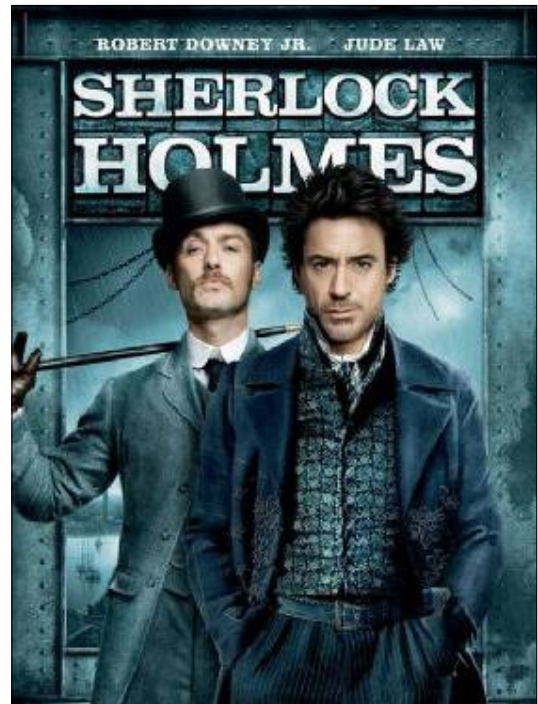
Fourth of July weekend brings a smash hit together with poolside food and drinks—the choice of events for the night, dear movie lovers, is elementary

Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk invites moviegoers to enjoy a free poolside screening of "Sherlock Holmes" at the next Moonlight Movie event on Saturday, July 3, 2010. Starting at 8 p.m., the all-suite resort's Grand Lanai will be transformed into an outdoor movie theater and viewers can take advantage of the signature Hawaiian trade winds or even take their seats right inside the temperature-controlled pool to keep cool during this hot blockbuster.

"This month, film fans can experience a literary classic with a modern twist, as well as all the comforts and amenities our resort offers," said Susan Koehler, Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk's director of sales and marketing. "Moonlight Movies are the perfect excuse to get friends and family together and see a movie as you've never seen it before—from the pool."

The Pakini Bar will act as the on-site concession stand, offering an array of cocktails, pupus and frosty non-alcoholic beverages throughout the summer evening. Also, become a "Fan" of Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk on Facebook to retrieve a printable coupon that is good for a free bag of popcorn for the night's show.

Simply go to www.facebook.com/EmbassySuitesWaikiki to retrieve the coupon, and then bring the printed copy to the movie that night.



Hilton Hawaiian Village hosts "Heineken Hot Hawaiian Nights"

Hilton Hawaiian Village's Tapa Bar is the site of this week's "Heineken Hot Hawaiian Nights," KFVE TV's popular summer concert series featuring Na Hoku Hanohano Award winning group Maunalua. The live broadcast begins at 7 pm on June 25. Comprised of Bobby Moderow, Jr., Kahi Kaonohi and Richard Gideon, Maunalua burst onto the Hawaiian music scene in 2000 when it won the coveted "Album of the Year" award at the Na Hoku Hanohano awards for the self-titled album, "Maunalua." Since then, they have gone on to win other Hoku awards including "Group of the Year," and "Favorite Entertainer of the Year."

Following the live broadcast, Jerry Santos and Olomana will take the stage at Tapa Bar. They have been a weekend entertainment staple at the resort for nearly 20 years.

For that evening, Tapa Bar will feature specials on Heineken and Heineken Light, as well as a pupu menu that includes tortilla chips and salsa; vegetable spring rolls; kalua pork nachos with taro chips; ahi poke; spicy teriyaki chicken wings; grilled hoisin barbecue pork ribs and teriyaki beef with peppers and onions.

For more information, call the resort at (808) 949-4321.



The Doubletree Alana Hotel – Waikiki appoints David W. Betham to Director of Finance

The Doubletree Alana Hotel - Waikiki has announced the appointment of David W. Betham to director of finance. Betham's responsibilities include establishing and auditing all financial controls, financial reporting, and analysis matters for the Waikiki property and overseeing all capital and annual budgets.

Before being appointed as director of finance at Doubletree Alana Hotel, Betham served at Polynesian Adventure Tours for four years. He directed the state-wide tour and transportation operation through its largest growth period doubling in both fleet size and revenues. He planned, directed, and executed the Easy Fly remote airport check-in service, and created and implemented business metrics for new accounts to ensure quality delivery and financial viability.

Earlier in his career, Betham served as director of front office operations, executive assistant general manager, and eventually was promoted to director of finance at Turtle Bay Hilton Golf & Tennis Resort. He gave full financial direction to run hotel, golf and tennis operations, including controls, reporting, budgeting and forecasting.

After 12 years at Turtle Bay Hilton, Betham moved from Hawai'i to Alaska to take on the position of controller at Aramark - Denali Park Resorts. Betham also worked as controller and financial analyst at VECO Alaska, Inc., president of USO, Inc., and vice president of KTG Trans, Inc.

Betham is a graduate of Brigham Young University-Hawai'i with a degree in Business Administration.



Aqua appoints Scott Pauli Area General Manager

Aqua Hotels & Resorts recently named Scott Pauli, Area General Manager with primary oversight of the Park Shore Waikiki, a 226-room hotel fronting Waikiki Beach and Kapiolani Park. Pauli will direct all areas of the hotel's operations.

"We are very pleased to welcome Scott to our ohana," said Guy Underkoffler, Aqua's Sr. Vice President. "His extensive hotel experience is extremely valuable to Aqua and to Park Shore Waikiki employees."

Pauli has been in Hawaii's lodging industry since 1991 working in various management positions including eight years on Maui with The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua as Assistant Rooms Executive, Front of House Director, Director of Housekeeping and Front Office Manager. He was also Executive Housekeeper for The Four Seasons Resort Hualalai on Hawai'i Island for six years.

Most recently, Pauli was with Aston Hotels and Resorts as general manager of the Maui Lu Resort in Kihei and, prior to that, as Corporate Director of Housekeeping, overseeing all of their Hawai'i properties.

Pauli was educated at San Diego State University, studying International Commerce.



Intermediate 'Ukulele with Stan Jackson

Waikiki Community Center is proud having Stan Jackson, a popular 'ukulele instructor, teach Intermediate 'Ukulele every Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m. Students will learn basic music theory, read sheet music, understand chord structure and much more!

Students are expected to have some previous instruction in 'ukulele playing.

Intermediate 'Ukulele Class is held in Room 201E (building E-second floor).

Fee: members \$4, non-members \$7.

Register at WCC office.

For more information, call 923-1802.



Kani Ka Pila Grille – July Entertainment Schedule

The July entertainment schedule for Kani Ka Pila Grille at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach is attached to this newsletter.

This July, Thursday evenings will showcase the winning group from Kani Ka Pila Grille's 2nd annual talent search held this past May 28 as part of the Na Hoku O Hawaii Music Festival. Five groups competed in the finals and it was Puli Ohana who came out on top!

The word "ohana" aptly describes Puli Ohana as the group is made up of four family members -- mom Kealoha Puli, son JD Puli, and cousins Kainoa Keana`aina, and Keani Souza.

The group comes from a rich Hawaiian music lineage – Kealoha's father is bassist Albert Kalima Sr. and her brother is ukulele virtuoso Jesse Kalima.



Hawaiian Diacritical Marks

Waikīkī Improvement Association recognizes the use of diacritical marks (i.e., glottal stop (ʻ), macron (ā) in place names of Hawaiʻi, such as Waikīkī and Kalākāua 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.

Jarett Dukes announced as Banquet Manager at The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort

Jarett Dukes has been named banquet manager at The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort as announced by Jim Weisiger, director of outlets. In his new position, Dukes will be responsible for overseeing all banquet functions, convention meetings and events at The Royal Hawaiian.

Prior to joining The Royal Hawaiian, Dukes was employed at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki where he held the position of banquet and convention services manager. He has also worked as the restaurant manager at The Colony Steak & Seafood Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, as assistant restaurant manager at Armani's & Petey Brown's at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, and as assistant venue manager at the Universal Orlando Resort.

Dukes received his Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management from the University of Central Florida and holds a certificate of completion from the Court of Master Sommeliers in Napa, California.

During his free time, Dukes enjoys outdoor activities and he is certified in turbo kick boxing.

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- **Independence Day Sunset & Fireworks Cruises:** We always sell out so call now!
- **Holiday Private Parties:** Celebrate on the STAR and save 5% if you book by 9/30/10!

Honolulu Zoo Society offers twilight tours



What's Wild in Waikīkī? 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 Friday and 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.honzosoc.org for info.



Entertainment Heats Up in July at Waikiki Beach Walk®

Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival kicks off July's Sunday Showcase

Summer is upon us which means outdoor fun and activities are happening everywhere, especially at Waikiki Beach Walk®. July's weekly Sunday Showcase celebration heats up with the inaugural Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival on July 4, 2010. Part of Outrigger Enterprises Group's ongoing Na Mele No Na Pua Music Heritage program, the festival is being held in partnership with Waikiki Beach Walk, Embassy Suites®-Waikiki Beach Walk®, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association, and Territorial Airwaves, with support from [Ke Kula](#) Mele Hawaii.

The Sunday Showcase is a free weekly program which takes place at the Waikiki Beach Walk stage plaza every Sunday afternoon (weather permitting) from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, unless noted otherwise.

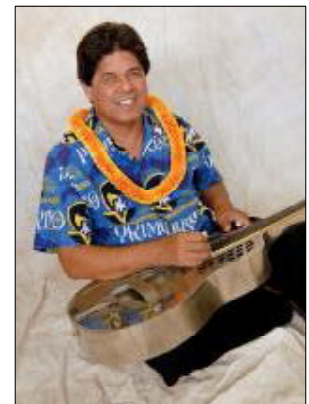
Valet parking for up to four hours is available for \$6.00 at the Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk (201 Beachwalk) and the Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Waikiki Beach Walk (227 Lewers Street), with any same-day purchase from any Waikiki Beach Walk merchant.

JULY SUNDAY SHOWCASE

July 4 - Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival - (1:00pm - 6:00pm)

Many of today's great Hawaiian steel guitarists will gather to celebrate the signature sound of Hawaii. Alan Akaka (top), Casey Olsen, Greg Sardinha (bottom), and Jeff Au Hoy are just some of the greats who will be on hand to share the unique and sweet sounds of the Hawaiian steel guitar. Performances begin at 2:00 p.m. A free seminar, at 1 p.m., precedes the afternoon concerts.

The afternoon's activities will be hosted by Harry B. Soria of Territorial Airwaves, and Hawai'i State Senator Brickwood Galuteria.



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

Saturday, June 26 – Shirley Recca and Halau Hula O Namakahulali

Sunday, June 27 – Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani



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

June 26, 2010 Saturday
6:00PM Starts
9:00PM Ends

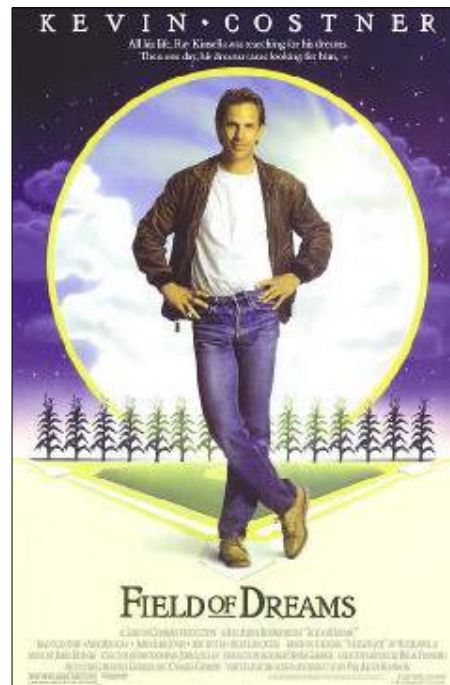
RALLY OF CHAMPIONS sponsored by Waikīkī Improvement Assn./City & County of Honolulu. It will be at the Sunset on the Beach site near Kalākaua Ave/Kapahulu Ave intersection.

This event will honor current local sports champions.

The movie "Field of Dreams" will follow.

Free to the public.

(see more info on page 2)



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'ŌLELO OLA O KA 'ĀINA

LIVING LANGUAGE OF THE LAND

PAPA HUA'ŌLELO (vocabulary): *hui hīmeni pākolu* = musical trio • *mea ho'okani* = instrument player • *pila nui* = bass • *hīmeni* = to sing • *hula 'auana* = modern hula (accompanied by introduced instruments).

Ma loko o nā hui hīmeni pākoku ma'a mau a ka Hawai'i, loa'a he mea ho'okani kīkā, he mea ho'okani 'ukulele a he mea ho'okani pila nui kekahi. Hīmeni nā kānaka 'ekolu a pau. Kūpono ia 'ano ho'okani pila 'ana no ka hula 'auana.

Within typical Hawaiian musical trios, you have a guitar player, an 'ukulele player and a bass player. All three members usually sing. This kind of music is perfect for hula 'auana.



This 'ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language) column is produced by Royal Hawaiian Center at Helumoa for the Waikiki Improvement Association's Wikiwiki Wire e-newsletter. Royal Hawaiian Center offers the very best in shopping, dining, entertainment and Hawaiian programming. Check out www.royalhawaiiancenter.com



HO'OKANI MA HELUMOA – Dwight Kanae, Kawika Trask and Keao Costa perform Mondays and Tuesdays at The Royal Grove at Royal Hawaiian Center at 6 pm. All Hawaiian cultural programs at RHC are manuahi (complimentary). E nanea mai!



Kani Ka Pila Grille ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP JULY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01 Puli Ohana	02 Kaukahi	03 Manoa DNA
04 Mountain Apple - Mailani	05 Sean Naauao	06 Waipuna	07 Cyril Pahinui	08 Puli Ohana	09 Kaukahi	10 Manoa DNA
11 Mountain Apple - Brother Noland	12 Sean Naauao	13 Weldon Kekauoha	14 Cyril Pahinui	15 Puli Ohana	16 Kaukahi	17 Manoa DNA
18 Mountain Apple - Brother Noland	19 Sean Naauao	20 Kani Ka Pila Madness	21 Cyril Pahinui	22 Puli Ohana	23 Kaukahi	24 Manoa DNA
25 Mountain Apple - Brother Noland	26 Sean Naauao	27 Weldon Kekauoha	28 Cyril Pahinui	29 Puli Ohana	30 Kaukahi	31 Manoa DNA
						*Artist and times may change without notice.

Nightly entertainment 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Located poolside at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach, 2169 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI 96815 Phone: 808.924.4990
No cover, no minimum. All-day dining menu, Discount valet parking \$6 for four hours.