

HIGHLIGHTS FOR CULTURE & THE ARTS IN HAWAI‘I

October 2009 – December 2009

Hawai‘i’s multi-cultural environment fosters an arts and culture scene that is extraordinary, dynamic, and colorful. The following schedule highlights just a few of the various arts and cultural events for the period from October 2009 through December 2009 on the islands of Hawai‘i, Kaua‘i, Maui, and O‘ahu. This schedule does not provide a complete listing of all of the many other arts and cultural events enjoyed by visitors and residents. Instead, only a few of the numerous activities or events are identified for informational purposes and should not be interpreted as a recommendation of an activity and event or an endorsement of any organization.

All information provided in the schedule is subject to change without notice. Please contact the event’s organization or visit the event’s website for possible scheduling changes or any additional information. For a more comprehensive calendar, please go to the Hawai‘i Visitors and Convention Bureau’s website at www.gohawaii.com/about_hawaii/plan/events_in_hawaii/.

OCTOBER

HAWAI‘I ISLAND

Artisan Farms Tour (October 1 - 31) – Visit three artisan farms in beautiful Ahualoa, upslope on the Northeast coast of Hawai‘i Island. Meet the owners and sample the products at these three farms – a coffee plantation, a tea garden and a honey company. Lots of unique and local flavor! By appointment only. Fee. Call (808) 775-1000 or (808) 775-1171, or visit www.hawaiianartisanfarms.com.

Kona Coast History Cruise (October 1 – 31) - Get a waterborne perspective of the rich and diverse cultural history of the Kona Coast on this three-hour daily cruise which leaves from the Kailua Pier and travels 17 miles south to historic Kealahou Bay aboard the 65-foot Kanoa II catamaran, with food, beverages and local musical entertainment. Educational, scenic and fun! Call (808) 326-7122 or visit www.bodylovehawaii.com.

Big Island Woodworkers and Artists Exhibit (October 2 – 30) – The forests of the Big Island abound in native and exotic hardwoods which star in this show as beautiful pieces of furniture made by Island woodworkers. The furniture pieces are exhibited and arranged along with stone sculpture and abstract paintings. Location: Wailoa Center in Hilo. Free. Weekdays only 8:30 to 4:30 (noon to 4:30 on Wednesday). Call (808) 933-0416.

HAWAI‘I ISLAND (continued)

Kamuela Philharmonic Fall Concert (October 4 at 4 p.m.) – The last of three 2009 concerts by this talented, locally-based orchestra, this performance will feature an all-Beethoven program: *Concerto #3 for Piano and Orchestra in C Minor* and *Symphony #5 in C Minor*. Boris Kononov is the piano soloist. Location: Kahilu Theatre in Waimea. Call (808) 325-4991 or visit www.kamuelaphil.com.

Hawaiiana Live (October 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11 a.m.) - A unique 45-minute cultural tourism program onstage. Experience Hawaiian history, traditions and culture through storytelling, film, music, *oli* and hula. Topics change weekly as the program revolves around the Hawaiian lunar calendar. Newly restored pipe organ featured. Location: Palace Theater in Hilo. \$5/children free. Call (808) 934-7010 or visit www.hilopalace.com.

Bonsai Day (October 10) - *Bonsai*, the traditional Japanese botanical practice of dwarfing or miniaturizing otherwise large plants and trees, has been practiced for centuries. Learn about this fascinating art form in demonstrations and workshops at Hawai‘i’s premier bonsai resource center. 2nd Saturday of each month at Fuku-Bonsai Cultural Center in Kurtistown. Call (808) 982-9882 or visit www.fukubonsai.com.

Aloha Saturday (October 10) – These programs on the 2nd Saturday of each month feature performances, exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, lectures and more by native Hawaiian cultural practitioners, scholars, musicians, hula *halau* and community groups. They strive to promote creative and culturally authentic programs. Location: East Hawaii Cultural Center in Hilo. Free. Call (808) 961-5711 or visit www.ehcc.org.

Kona History Cruise (October 11 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.) - Take this ocean adventure aboard a sailing catamaran to learn about some of the many interesting Hawaiian historical sites found on the Kona Coast. Sponsored by the Kona Historical Society with narration by Kona’s John Mitchell. Along the way look for whales and dolphins and enjoy *pupu* and drinks. Fee. Call (808) 322-2788 or visit www.konahistorical.org.

Drummers from Bangladesh (October 13 at 7 p.m.) - An ensemble of performers from the Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts presents a variety of dance and music styles, including the impressive “Baul” singing. Also featured will be Doul drummer-dancers. The performers hail from Chittagong, Bangladesh’s second main city. Location: Kahilu Theatre in Waimea. Free. For information, call (808) 885-6868 or visit www.kahiluthatre.org.

Nunsense (October 16 – 31) – A Broadway hit with lots of laughs, “Nunsense” is set in the present time in New Jersey, where the Little Sisters of Hoboken must raise money to bury members of their order who died of botulism. They decide to perform a show to raise the money – and the fun begins! Location: Aloha Theater in Kainaliu in Kona. Fee. 7:30 p.m. Friday/Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Call (808) 322-1648 or visit www.apachawaii.org.

HAWAI‘I ISLAND (continued)

Fall Arts Festival (October 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) - This all-day festival is your chance to get creative in a variety of arts media to create your own gifts and gift wrapping for the holidays. Also featuring door prizes, raffles for gifts, ‘ukulele entertainment, food, and arts recycling education. At the historic Donkey Mill Art Center above Kona in Holualoa. Call (808) 322-3362 or visit www.donkeymillartcenter.org.

Hulihe‘e Palace Concert (October 18 at 4 p.m.) – This historic Kona landmark presents a free concert featuring the Hulihe‘e Palace Band and hula by the talented Etua Lopes hula *halau*. After the concert, stroll through the village of Kailua enjoying cafes and restaurants, local musicians and artists. Will be held at the lawn overlooking Kailua Bay. Call (808) 329-1877 or visit www.huliheepalace.org.

Dervish (October 22 at 7 p.m.) – Now on the music scene for nearly two decades, Dervish has established itself as one of the preeminent Irish bands, bringing the world the high energy tunes and beautiful moods and melodies that make up the joy, excitement and fun that is traditional Irish music. Location: Kahilu Theater in Waimea. Tickets \$45/\$40. Call (808) 885-6868 or visit www.kahilutheatre.org.

Makahiki ma ka Ma‘ukele: A Cultural Festival in the Rain Forest (October 24) – A day of Hawaiian culture featuring lei making; lei demonstrations and contests; music, workshops and demonstrations; and Hawaiian *makahiki* games. Evening concert with silent auction, food, music and dancers. Location: Volcano Village and KMC at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Day (free), concert (fee). Call (808) 968-6696 or for more information, e-mail mililani2@gmail.com.

KAUA‘I

Watercolor Exhibit by Helen Turner (continuing [started from September 24] through November 16) - In the Mezzanine Gallery at the Kaua‘i Museum.

Hawaiiiana Festival (October 1 – 3) – Enjoy a variety of Native Hawaiian cultural practices such as wood carving, lauhala weaving, tapa-making, feather arts, poi pounding, the art of *kakau*, stone carving, lei-making, music and dance. The festival includes a lū‘au with Hawaiian food and entertainment. Location: Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort & Spa. Free. For more information, call (808) 240-6369.

Eo E ‘Emalani I Alaka‘i Festival (October 10) – Held annually, this colorful festival in the mountains recreates Queen Emma’s trek to Kōke‘e in 1871. Hawaiian music, hula, procession, exhibits and Hawaiian craft demonstrations. Free. For more information, call (808) 335-9975 or visit www.kokee.org.

KAUA'I (continued)

Matsuri Kua'i 2009 (October 17) – This cultural festival celebrates Japanese art, traditions, music and dance. The day-long event features traditional *odori* dancing, karaoke, tea ceremony demonstrations, *ikebana* flower arrangements, bonsai displays, mochi pounding, and Japanese food and crafts. For more information, call (808) 822-5353.

Kaua'i Aloha Week Festival (October 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) - Following the 10 a.m. Aloha Week Parade on Rice Street at the Kaua'i Museum and Historic County Building. Enjoy Hawaiian music, food and crafts. Free.

Hawaiiiana/Mālama Ola Festival (October 23) - Celebrate the native Hawaiian culture at this year's Hawaiiiana/Mālama Ola Festival with Ho'okupu at the Heiau on the grounds of the Grand Hyatt Kauai at sunrise. Featuring the presentation and procession of the Aloha Week Court, Hawaiian musical specialists and island entertainment, cultural artisans and crafters with displays, demonstrations and workshops depicting various arts attributed to the Hawaiian culture, lectures, ceremonies and an evening luau. The Malama Ola Festival includes demonstrations of healing and meditative practices from diverse cultures; workshops and presentations to teach health related practices drawn from the Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Indian cultures and to address topics such as indigenous healing traditions, health risks, antioxidants, physiology, yoga as a healing practice and nutritional cooking. For more information, call (808) 240-6369.

MAUI

Maui County Fair (October 1 - 4) – 87th Annual Fair featuring arts and crafts, ethnic foods, amusements, rides, and a grand orchid exhibition. Location: War Memorial Complex, Wailuku. Call (808) 871-6230 or visit www.mauicountyfair.com.

Lahaina Banyan Tree Ho'olaule'a (October 11) – A celebration including an arts and crafts fair, hula show, and live entertainment featuring the Air Force Band of the Pacific. Location: Banyan Tree Park. Free admission. Call (888) 310-1117 or visit www.visitlahaina.com.

Princess Ka'iulani Festival (October 17) – A celebration of Princess Ka'iulani's Hawaiian and Scottish heritage, featuring music, hula and chant, bagpiping, historical displays, crafters and foods in the pastoral setting of upcountry Maui. Location: Kēōkea. For more information, call (808) 573-1130.

4th Annual Maui 'Ukulele Festival (October 18 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.) - Enjoy a delightful afternoon celebrating the beloved 'ukulele, the iconic instrument of modern Hawaiian music. Between 1878 and 1913, more than 20,000 Portuguese immigrants arrived in Hawai'i. Among their humble possessions was the braginho, a small four-string guitar that Hawaiians renamed the 'ukulele. The full afternoon line-up of 'ukulele music features Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winners, Grammy nominees and a mixture of kūpuna players and young rising stars. There will also be prizes and drawings, vendors with fresh flower lei, Hawaiian arts and crafts, and in true local style, plenty of delicious food and beverage selections. Location: One Cameron Way, Events Lawn. Free. Call (808) 242-7469 or visit www.mauiaarts.org/oct.html.

O‘AHU

Honolulu Theatre for Youth presents Nightingale (continuing [started from August 29] through October 3) - The Emperor is never satisfied. He demands "more, more, MORE" of everything! Only the Nightingale, a plain yet wondrous little bird, has the power to save the Emperor. But can his loyal servant and the people of China convince the Emperor to listen in time? Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale is sure to dazzle audiences with spectacular costumes and visionary choreography by Iona Contemporary Dance Theatre's Artistic Director, Cheryl Flaherty. Location: Tenney Theatre on the grounds of St. Andrews Cathedral. Tickets \$16 for adults, \$8 for youth (18 and under) and seniors (over 60). For more information, call (808) 839-9885.

Yoshihiro Suda (continuing [started from July 11] through October 18) - Japanese artist Yoshihiro Suda (born 1969) is internationally known for his installations of delicate carved and painted wooden plant life. Suda's sculptures of indigenous Japanese plants and flowers, including camellias, magnolias, and roses, as well as common weeds, are meticulously created with surprising realism and in true-to-life scale that at times borders on the miniscule. This is Suda's second U.S. exhibition and the first in Honolulu. Location: The Contemporary Museum. Tickets \$8 for general, \$6 for students (13+) and seniors (62+), military with ID and 12 and under are free. Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call (808) 526-1322 or visit www.tcmhi.org.

Hokusai's Summit: The Thirty-Six Views of Mt. Fuji (continuing [started from September 24] through January 3, 2010) - For the first time in a decade, the Honolulu Academy of Arts will present Katsushika Hokusai's entire "Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji" series, one of the museum's masterpieces. The series includes many of Hokusai's most famous prints, including *The Great Wave Off Kanagawa*, one of the most influential and recognizable designs ever made. Augmenting the exhibition will be works depicting Mount Fuji by other artists. Location: Honolulu Academy of Arts. Tickets \$10 for general, \$5 for students/seniors/military, free for age 12 and under. Call (808) 532-8700 or visit www.honoluluacademy.org.

Ho‘oulu: The Inspiration of Hula (continuing through July 17, 2010)- An exhibit honoring the art of hula, featuring work from the Art in Public Places Collection, along with hula implements and objects from the Bishop Museum and the Hula Preservation Society. Location: The Hawai‘i State Art Museum. Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free to the public. For more information, call (808) 586-0900 or visit www.hawaii.gov/sfca.

The Drowsy Chaperone (October 1 – 4, 8 – 11, Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m., matinees Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.) – The show begins with the narrator, who seems to be suffering from the blues, sitting on a darkened stage. He is a fan of vintage musicals and quickly decides to cheer things up by playing the original cast recording of a (fictional) musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone." No sooner has the needle touched the record than we are transported to a 1928 Broadway theater and into a play-within-a-play crammed full of every cliché and gimmick from the golden age of musicals. Location: Diamond Head Theatre. Tickets \$12, \$22, \$32, \$42; discounts available for children under 18, full-time students, seniors (62 and older), and active-duty military. Call (808) 733-0274 or visit www.diamondheadtheatre.com.

O‘AHU (continued)

First Friday: Guy Cruz (October 2 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) – The Hawai‘i Theatre opens its doors as part of the First Friday festivities for 20-minute organ “mini-concerts” every half-hour, introductory tours of the facility with their learned docents, and their new mezzanine “Piano Bar” featuring the vocal stylings of Guy Cruz. Free. For more information, call (808) 528-0506 or visit www.hawaiitheatre.com.

First Friday Honolulu (October 2 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) - Downtown-Chinatown Gallery Walk. A self guided tour. Galleries, museums and studios open their doors for an evening celebrating artists, art and art-making of all kinds. Free. For more information, call (808) 521-2903.

Live from the Lawn – Maui! (October 2 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) - This event features some of Maui County’s most outstanding music artists. They will perform contemporary and traditional Hawaiian music. Location: Hawai‘i State Art Museum. Free. Call (808) 586-0900 or visit www.hawaii.gov/sfca.

The Story of Babar with the Honolulu Symphony (October 3 at 8 p.m. and October 4 at 4 p.m.) – Debussy’s wistful *Clair de lune* is a gentle indulgence that conjures up a dreamy escape to a world of twilight and romance. The adored children’s tale of Babar the Elephant comes to life as Michael Emerson from ABC’s “LOST” joins the orchestra to narrate Poulenc’s masterwork of lightness and jollity. Tchaikovsky’s magical suite from the ballet *Swan Lake* is the perfect finale to this evening of magic and childlike delight. Tickets \$19, \$26, \$40, \$52, \$70 (including service fees). Call (808) 792-2000 or visit www.honolulusymphony.com.

Second Saturday (October 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) – This month’s event will feature members of the Hawai‘i Stitchery and Fiber Arts Guild. Bring the kids to this free monthly family event. Have fun and get creative with hands-on arts activities. Location: Hawai‘i State Art Museum. Call (808) 586-0900 or visit www.hawaii.gov/sfca.

Free Third Thursdays at The Contemporary Museum (October 15 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) - Free entry day at The Contemporary Museum. Bring the family...enjoy the tranquil Nu‘umealani Gardens and view the exhibitions in the historic Cooke-Spalding residence. TCM is Hawai‘i’s only museum devoted exclusively to contemporary art. Call (808) 526-1322 or visit www.tcmhi.org.

Tau Dance Company: Men Dancing 2009 (October 15 – 16 at 7:30 p.m.) – Choreographer Peter Rockford Espiritu brings down the curtain on Tau Dance Theater’s season with a display of the diversity Hawai‘i has nurtured. In this season finale, Espiritu follows the time-honored format borrowed in 1998 from modern dance pioneer Ted Shawn. While not altogether faithful to Shawn’s original intent, this concert provides a fresh look at the male experience in dance and in life as well as the dizzyingly high standards men have set in the genres showcased. Location: Hawai‘i Theatre Center. For more information, call (808) 528-0506 or visit www.hawaiitheatre.com.

O‘AHU (continued)

29th Annual Hawai‘i International Film Festival (October 15 – 25) - Established in 1981, the Hawai‘i International Film Festival (HIFF) is dedicated to the advancement of understanding and cultural exchange among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific and North America through the medium of film. Last year, this audience-driven film festival attracted over 70,000 movie-lovers, who came to experience the sounds and images of excellent filmmaking from around the world. Location: Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Cinemas. For more information and tickets, call (808) 528-3456 or visit www.hiff.org.

Arnaldo Cohen and Liszt’s Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Honolulu Symphony (October 17 at 8 p.m. and October 18 at 4 p.m.) – Acclaimed pianist Arnaldo Cohen makes his debut with Liszt’s virtuosic Piano Concerto No. 2. Brimming with originality and adventure, the Concerto is a poetic journey from beginning to end. Guest conductor Gerard Schwarz leads the orchestra in the mystical *Symphonie Pathetique*, which represents Tchaikovsky at the peak of his creative powers. It would prove to be the composer’s last and most poignant masterwork. Tickets \$19, \$26, \$40, \$52, \$70 (including service fees). Call (808) 792-2000 or visit www.honolulusymphony.com.

Ben Vereen with the Honolulu Symphony Pops (October 23 - 24 at 8 p.m.) – Tony Award-winning Broadway star Ben Vereen brings his legendary voice and the classic music of Broadway to the Toyota Pops stage. On Broadway, Vereen has appeared in *Wicked*, *Fosse*, *Hair*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Pippin*, and *A Christmas Carol*. Also an acclaimed actor, Vereen is recognized for roles such as the unforgettable Chicken George in *Roots* and as Louis Armstrong in *Louis Armstrong – Chicago Style*. Don’t miss this evening featuring all of your Broadway favorites. Tickets \$20, \$34, \$49, \$59, \$82 (including service fees). Call (808) 792-2000 or visit www.honolulusymphony.com.

Honolulu Theatre for Youth presents Stripes & Stars (October 24 – November 14, 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.) – Join award-winning storyteller/musician James B. McCarthy for a walk through our country’s vast history - a celebration of the diversity of the cultures, geography, and music that have shaped our nation. McCarthy weaves together a collection of songs and stories that range from the pre-Colombian era to the present day, from the deep South to the South Pacific. Using wit, humor and a few old fashioned yarns, McCarthy reminds us why history has always been best preserved in song and story. Location: Tenney Theatre on the grounds of St. Andrews Cathedral. Tickets \$16 for adults, \$8 for youth (18 and under) and seniors (over 60). For more information, call (808) 839-9885.

Silent Scream: Phantom of the Opera (October 31 at 7 p.m.) – The 1925 silent film classic *Phantom of the Opera*, which tells of a mad, disfigured composer who seeks love with a lovely young opera singer, has been touted as the greatest horror film of modern cinema. Starring Lon Chancy and Mary Philbin and directed by Rupert Julian, *Phantom* is accompanied by Maestro John McCreary on the Hawai‘i Theatre orchestral organ. Location: Hawai‘i Theatre Center. Tickets \$7 advance, \$12 at the door. For more information, call (808) 528-0506 or visit www.hawaiiitheatre.com.

NOVEMBER

HAWAI‘I ISLAND

‘Ukulele and Slack Key Guitar Institute (November 5 – 8) – Open to everyone from beginners to experts, this institute features workshops, lessons, jam sessions and more to help you better play and enjoy Hawaiian music. Three free public concerts/events are open to the public and include a *kanikapila* at 5 p.m. Thursday, talk story at 7 p.m. Friday, and finale concert at 1 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.kahilutheatre.org.

Moku o Keawe International Hula Festival (November 5 – 8) – A relative newcomer on the hula scene, this festival features hula *hālau* (troupes) from Hawai‘i, Japan and elsewhere competing in *kūpuna* (senior), *kahiko* (ancient) and *‘auana* (modern) hula divisions. Master instructors teach workshops and cultural classes throughout the event. Location: Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort. Call (808) 345-9364 or visit www.mokuokeawe.org.

Black & White Night (November 6 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.) - Downtown Hilo’s biggest annual strolling party with numerous live music venues, fashion shows, a treasure hunt through town, free food, author & artist receptions. Everyone dresses in black and white, from shorts and T-shirts to gowns and suits to enter the “Best Dressed Black & White Contest” for cash prizes. Free! Call (808) 933-9772 or visit www.poshfestivals.com.

‘Ukulele and Slack Key Masters (November 6 – 7 at 8 p.m.) – This always anticipated Fall concert brings together Hawai‘i’s top master artists of the ‘ukulele and Hawaiian slack key or kiho‘alu style guitar, including Led Kaapana, Mike Kaawa and Jake Shimabukuro. Location: Kahilu Theater in Waimea. Call (808) 885-6868 or visit www.kahilutheatre.org.

Kona Coffee Cultural Festival (November 6 - 15) - Since its inception in 1970, the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival’s mission has been to preserve, perpetuate and promote Kona’s 180-year coffee heritage. It is Hawai‘i’s oldest food festival and the only coffee festival in the United States. This year’s celebration will have nearly 50 events including tastings, art exhibits, cupping competition, farm tours, contests, parades, sporting events, and special events. Call (808) 326-7820 or visit www.konacoffeefest.com.

Faces of Hawaii (November 6 – 25) - Sure to be among the top photo exhibits in Hawai‘i in 2009, this exhibit will feature the entries selected in a photo competition and these entries will be compiled in a book portraying the diversity of faces in Hawai‘i. Location: Wailoa Arts and Culture Center at Wailoa State Park in Hilo. Free. Hours: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday from 8:30 to 4:30, Wednesday from noon to 4:30, Saturday from 9 to 3. For more information, call (808) 933-0416.

Big Island Fall Arts Festival Exhibit (November 6 – 26) – If there is a “must see” show of the creativity and talent in all media of Big Island artists, this is it, now in its 33rd year. You can meet the artists on November 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at an opening reception. Otherwise, the show is open in three galleries from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the East Hawai‘i Cultural Center in Hilo. Free. Call (808) 961-5711 or visit www.ehcc.org.

HAWAI‘I ISLAND (continued)

Jake Shimabukuro (November 8 at 7 p.m.) – When it comes to playing the ‘ukulele, just say “Jake”- and that can only be Jake Shimabukuro, the master of this home-grown Hawaiian musical instrument, once again showcasing his enormous music talent, dexterity and innovation. Location: Kahilu Theater in Waimea. Tickets \$40/\$45. Call (808) 885-6868 or visit www.kahilutheatre.org.

American Bluegrass Masters Tour (November 13 at 8 p.m.) – Join Grand Ole Opry legend Bobby Osborne along with the country’s hottest bluegrass singers and pickers when old time traditions collide with youthful energy in a concert of vibrant front-porch twang and infectious rhythms that define the American spirit. Location: Kahilu Theater in Waimea. Tickets \$40/\$45. Call (808) 885-6868 or visit www.kahilutheatre.org.

Aloha Saturday (November 14 from noon to 4 p.m.) – These programs on the 2nd Saturday of each month feature musical performances by Hawai‘i Island musicians and hula hālau, along with presentations by community groups. Also featured are authentic arts and crafts vendors and food booths. Location: Kalākaua Park in Hilo. Free. Call (808) 961-5711 or visit www.ehcc.org.

Annual Drum and Percussion Festival (November 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) - An exciting evening of world percussion by local artists featuring diverse traditional & contemporary percussion performances from Hawai‘i, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and more! Location: Hilo Palace Theater. Ticket fee. Call (808) 333-2730 or visit www.bareandcore.org.

Hulihe‘e Palace Concert (November 15 at 4 p.m.) – This historic Kona landmark presents a free concert featuring the Hulihe‘e Palace Band performing musical compositions honoring royalty from the days of the Hawaiian Monarchy. Will be held at the lawn overlooking Kailua Bay. Post concert, stroll through Kailua Village enjoying cafes, restaurants, local musicians and artists. Call (808) 329-1877 or visit www.huliheepalace.org.

Aga Boom (November 19 – 20 at 8 p.m.) - Aga-Boom is interactive mayhem that carries audiences to the other side of the funhouse mirror, with outrageous zaniness and unrestrained laughter. This is a show of pure family fun like nothing you have ever seen before, and has thrilled and delighted audiences around the world. Location: Kahilu Theater in Waimea. Tickets \$40/\$35. Call (808) 885-6868 or visit www.kahilutheatre.org.

Talking Circle: The Big Island Indigenous Film Festival (November 20 – 22) – A three-day festival of films providing an entertaining window into indigenous cultures through the works of independent native Hawaiian, native American and First Nation filmmakers. Location: Palace Theatre in Hilo. For additional information, screening times and tickets, call (808) 934-7010 or visit www.talkingcirclefilmfestival.com.

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The 2009 Bay Concert: A Celebration of Life at Kahalu‘u Bay (November 21 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) – One of Hawai‘i’s most beloved artists, Herb Kawainui Kane, will be honored at this concert, which will be emceed by Frank De Lima. Enjoy entertainment by top Hawaiian performers Na Leo Pilimehana and Hookena to benefit restoration and preservation of one of Hawai‘i’s most beautiful coastal marine venues - Kahalu‘u Bay in Kona. Also featuring the Daifukuji taiko drummers. Location: Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa Convention Center in Kona. \$25 advance purchase, \$12 for children 12 and under. Call (808) 887-6411 or visit www.kohalacenter.org/bayconcert09.

E Mau Ana Ka Hula (The Hula is Perpetuated) Hula Festival honoring King David Kalākaua (November 21) – Enjoy authentic Hawaiian music and dance at the Keauhou Beach Resort. Free! Call (866) 326-6803 or visit www.KeauhouBeachResort-Hawaii.com.

Christmas in the Country (November 21 - 22 and 27 – 29) - Special holiday celebrations include demonstrations, print and book signings by artists and authors, and a selection of quality handcrafted decorations and gifts offered only during the holiday season. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Location: Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Free but park entrance fees apply. Call (808) 967-7565 or visit www.volcanoartcenter.org.

10th Annual Invitational Wreath Exhibit (November 21 – January 3) - Working in a wide variety of media and materials, gallery artists present their unique and highly creative collection of one-of-a-kind wreaths, from the whimsical to the traditional! 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Location: Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Free but park entrance fees apply. Call (808) 967-7565 or visit www.volcanoartcenter.org.

Christmas Treasures Art, Gift and Crafts Fair (November 27 – 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) – Now in its 27th year, this Yuletide fair is indeed a treasure chest of often hand-made gift items, crafts, collectibles and other creations from the Big Island and around Hawai‘i. Also featuring a silent auction and a drawing for prizes. Location: King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel in Kona. Validated parking. Call (808) 325-5155 or email dagoose@hawaii.rr.com.

Volcano Village Art Studio Tour and Sale (November 27 – 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) – A Thanksgiving weekend tradition, the Volcano Village Artists Hui opens up their studios and offers a rare chance to meet and buy works directly from the creators and guest artists. Includes photography, fiber art, raku ceramics, painting, pottery, quilts, prints, textiles, wood sculpture, drawings and more. Call (808) 987-3472 or e-mail eherb@hawaii.rr.com.

Na Lima Hana Holiday Craft Fair (November 28 - 29) – More than 100 crafters from the Big Island will showcase their unique arts-and-crafts collectibles from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort. Items range from Hawaiian quilts and wood carvings to holiday ornaments and jewelry. Food and children's games. For more information, call 808-886-1234, ext. 1202.

MAUI

Hula O Na Keiki Festival (November 13 – 15) – Hawai‘i’s keiki (children) compete in ancient and modern hula in this 19th annual event, which includes arts and crafts as well as entertainment
Location: Kā‘anapali Beach Hotel. Call (808) 661-0011 or visit www.kbhmaui.com.

O‘AHU

Voices From Okinawa by Jon Shirota (November 5 – 29) – Voices From Okinawa tells the story of Kama Hutchins, an American of Okinawan ancestry who teaches English to local Okinawans. Kama eschews traditional ESL teaching methods to have his students relate personal stories to the class. As the tales are told, the attitudes of the young students toward the American soldiers stationed on the island shift. From his students, as well as from his shaman great-aunt, Kama learns a great deal about his own cultural heritage. Location: Kumu Kahua Theatre. Tickets \$5 - \$16. Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, call (808) 536-4441.

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Aga-Boom (November 10 – 15, various times) – Madcap physical acting, comic chaos and audience participation light up the Hawai‘i Theatre stage in this extraordinary show presented by Tim Bostock Productions. Created by Cirque du Soleil veteran Dimitri Bogatirev, Aga-Boom has performed on Broadway and around the world. For more information, call (808) 528-0506 or visit www.hawaiitheatre.com.

O‘AHU (continued)

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Christopher O’Riley with the Honolulu Symphony (November 28 at 8 p.m. and November 29 at 4 p.m.) – Celebrated pianist and NPR “From the Top” host Christopher O’Riley makes his own debut with Beethoven’s irrepressible and dramatic First Piano Concerto. Britten’s *Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra* is the perfect “overture” to the orchestra’s family of instruments. Music lovers will be charmed by this inventive work that continues to enchant people of all ages. Then, Brahms takes us on a grand tour of golden strings, mighty brass and wonderful solo woodwinds with the mesmerizing Second Symphony. Tickets \$19, \$26, \$40, \$52, \$70 (including service fees). Call (808) 792-2000 or visit www.honolulusymphony.com.

DECEMBER

HAWAI‘I ISLAND

He Huaka‘i e pana a i ke ea (December 2 – 6) - Slack key guitar, ‘ukulele and hula immersion workshops and concert presented by Hawai‘i’s master musicians and kumu hula under the direction of Cyril Pahinui. Features regional musical compositions and related *mo`olelo* from various East Hawai‘i locations from Volcano to Keaukaha. Hilo concert Sunday evening 12/6. Call (808) 896-1911, (808) 722-8575, or visit www.cyrilpahinui.com.

Hoku Concert Series (December 4 – 6) – A scintillating holiday event, in which name crossover - opera/pop - singers fly to Kona for an exclusive concert. Selections from the Met to Broadway; champagne reception followed by concert. Limited to 75 guests. 5:30 p.m. at a private club, Hualalai Resort, Kona Coast. Tickets: \$125. Call (808) 322-1468 or visit www.apachawaii.org to buy tickets.

Holualoa Festival of Light and Music (December 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.) - Witness the lighting of the town Christmas tree, hear various musicians perform Christmas music through the evening at stages around the village, and receive treats from the galleries and shops in this charming art colony in the middle of Kona coffee country. You may even see Santa himself! For information, call (808) 322-8484 or visit www.holualoahawaii.com.

Aloha Saturday (December 12 from noon to 4 p.m.) – These programs on the 2nd Saturday of each month feature musical performances by Hawai‘i Island musicians and hula hālau, along with presentations by community groups. Also featured are authentic arts and crafts vendors and food booths. Location: Kalākaua Park in Hilo. Free. Call (808) 961-5711 or visit www.ehcc.org.

Kona Community Christmas Parade (December 12 at 5 p.m.) - An anticipated holiday event enjoyed by both young and old, residents and visitors. Business and community groups, musical and choral groups and many others take part in this colorful parade, which proceeds along Kuakini Highway, down Palani Road, and along Alii Drive to Coconut Grove Marketplace. Call (808) 329-5226 or visit www.konaparades.com.

“Mau Voyager” Documentary Film (December 13 at 2 p.m.) – Polynesian seafaring and the role of famed navigator “Papa” Mau Piailug - the father of modern-day Hawaiian canoe voyaging - in keeping the tradition alive is the subject of this excellent three-hour cultural, historical and informational documentary film. Free. Location: Kahilu Theatre in Waimea. Call (808) 885-6868 or visit www.kahilutheatre.org.

Hulihe‘e Palace Concert (December 13 at 4 p.m.) – This historic Kona landmark presents a free concert featuring the Hulihe‘e Palace Band performing special seasonal music with hula performed by Halau Na Pua U‘i O Hawai‘i. Will be held at the lawn overlooking Kailua Bay. After the concert, stroll through Kailua Village enjoying cafes, restaurants, local musicians and artists. Call (808) 329-1877 or visit www.huliheepalace.org.

HAWAI‘I ISLAND (continued)

Wailea Village Historic Preservation – Mochi Pounding (December 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) – Celebrate the New Year with demonstrations of and participation in traditional Japanese mochi pounding and making the rice cakes. Hearty local lunch included for \$5. Location: Akiko’s Buddhist Bed and Breakfast at 15-mile marker, Hwy. 19 on Hamakua Coast. Call (808) 963-6422 or e-mail msakiko@hawaii.rr.com for more information.

KAUA‘I

Holiday Hula Christmas Celebration (December 13) – Enjoy a Hawaiian Christmas performance by Na Hula O Kaohikukapulani. The event includes chants, hula, Christmas melodies, a silent auction and pūpū. For more information, call (808) 335-6466.

LĀNA‘I

Impressions of Lāna‘i (December 16 – 20) - Meet accomplished artists from Hawai‘i and the Mainland and watch their paintings come to life before your very eyes! These "fresh paint" works will be exhibited at the Mike Carroll Gallery on December 20. A portion of the proceeds will benefit two worthy causes, The Lāna‘i Art Center and The Lāna‘i Animal Rescue Center. Call (808) 565-7122 or visit www.mikecarrollgallery.com or www.visitlanai.net

MAUI

Holiday Pops Concert (December 13) – The Maui Pops Orchestra’s annual concert features Maui soprano Leighanna Edwards. Seasonal to classical music in a festive, family-friendly atmosphere. Call (808) 242-7469 or visit www.mauipops.org.

Brian Evans & William Shatner Live in Concert (December 18) - Crooner Brian Evans, who is one of this generation’s premiere new crooners in the big band genre, will perform a full show at The Hard Rock Cafe in Lahaina, followed by an appearance and book-signing by none other than Captain Kirk himself, William Shatner. Evans, who is the opening act for such stars as Jay Leno and Joan Rivers, is currently recording his own major label debut CD, which will feature Kelly Osbourne and Ahmet Zappa. For more information about Brian Evans, see www.brianevans.com. You may buy tickets, priced at \$45, at the venue (The Hard Rock Cafe in Lahaina) or purchase tickets at the door on the evening of the show. You may also call The Hard Rock and purchase your tickets by phone at (808) 667-7400. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, contact: Jill at (808) 667-2578.

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Honolulu Theatre for Youth presents Amahl and the Night Visitors (December 5 – 12 at 4:30 p.m., December 19 at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.) – One of the most popular American operas, this one-hour classic is sure to touch old and young alike. Amahl’s mother is worried about her son, a shepherd with an extremely active imagination. When Amahl tells her three kings have arrived at their humble peasant dwelling, she does not believe him, until Melchior, Balthazar and Kaspar walk through the door! Location: Tenney Theatre on the grounds of St. Andrews Cathedral. Tickets \$16 for adults, \$8 for youth (18 and under) and seniors (over 60). For more information, call (808) 839-9885.

Glen Campbell with the Honolulu Symphony Pops (December 11 – 12 at 8 p.m.) – Join the “Rhinestone Cowboy” for a very merry Holiday Pops! Chart-topping singer Glen Campbell entertains with festive songs and his greatest hits such as “Gentle On My Mind,” “Wichita Lineman,” “By The Time I Get To Phoenix,” and more. Celebrate the season at Holiday Pops! Tickets \$20, \$34, \$49, \$59, \$82 (including service fees). Call (808) 792-2000 or visit www.honolulusymphony.com.

O‘AHU (continued)

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