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39th Annual Pan-Pacific Festival Announces 2018 Event Dates

Festival Celebrates Cultures and Traditions from Pacific-Rim Countries

HONOLULU – The 39th annual Pan-Pacific Festival, a celebration of cultural traditions of Hawai'i, the Pacific Rim and around the world, will run from June 8 to 10 at various locations throughout Honolulu.

Since its first celebration, the Pan-Pacific Festival has evolved into an international festival bringing various foods, customs, and people together and creating a more global community through the sharing and celebration of cultures.

The three-day festival kicks off with a Ho'olaule'a (block party) complete with live entertainment on multiple stages, food, crafts and more. The celebration continues with Performing Arts Showcases, featuring cultural performances and demonstrations. The 18th Annual Pan-Pacific Hula Festival will take place daily on Waikīkī Beach featuring more than a dozen hula hālau (schools), most of them from Japan. The Punahale Party on Saturday night will feature Maunaloa, a multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winning band, that will perform live with hālau at this event. The festival concludes with a colorful parade of lively costumes and performances by local and national high school bands and various ethnic groups marching along Kalākaua Avenue in Waikiki.

- What:** 39th Annual Pan-Pacific Festival
- Where:** Various locations throughout Honolulu
- When:** Friday, June 8 through Sunday, June 10, 2018
- Cost:** All events are free and open to the public
- Information:** For more information, visit www.pan-pacific-festival.com
- Details:** Schedule subject to change. Check website or Facebook in late-May for updates.

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Friday, June 8

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Showcase

Ala Moana Center, Centerstage

1 – 4 p.m.

Performing Arts Showcase

Waikīkī Beach Walk Plaza Stage

1 – 4 p.m.

Performing Arts Showcase

International Market Place, Queen's Court

4 – 10 p.m.

18th Annual Pan-Pacific Hula Festival

Kūhiō Beach, Hula Mound

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Street Dance Fest in Hawai'i

Waikīkī Beach Walk Plaza Stage

7 – 10 p.m.

Pan-Pacific Ho'olaule'a

Kalākaua Ave.

Seaside Ave. to Uluniu Ave.

Saturday, June 9

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Performing Arts Showcase

Ala Moana Center, Centerstage

3 – 5 p.m.

Performing Arts Showcase

Waikīkī Beach Walk Plaza Stage

Noon – 5 p.m.

Performing Arts Showcase

International Market Place, Queen's Court

4 – 6:30 p.m.

18th Annual Pan-Pacific Hula Festival

7:30 – 10 p.m.

Kūhiō Beach, Hula Mound

7 – 10 p.m.

Punahale Party

Waikīkī Beach Walk Plaza Stage

Sunday, June 10

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Performing Arts Showcase

Ala Moana Center, Centerstage

1 – 3:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Showcase

Waikīkī Beach Walk Plaza Stage

5 – 7 p.m.

Pan-Pacific Parade

Kalākaua Avenue

Fort DeRussy to Kapi'olani Park

7:30 – 10 p.m.

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