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HAWAII'S WORLD CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR January – June 2020

Please note that events are subject to change without notice. For the most complete and updated Hawai'i calendar, please visit GoHawaii.com/Events.

JANUARY 2020

◆ January 14-June 11, 2020

He Inoa No Kaumuali'i Ho'olaule'a and Na Makana Poina'ole Lecture Series (Kaua'i) – This lecture series and *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) are aimed toward funding the creation of a statue of King Ka'umuali'i – the last independent ruler of Kaua'i – and encouraging public appreciation of his vision for the land and people of the island. Companion workshops will engage participants in their individual related cultural practices. Lectures are set for these dates:

- ◆ January 14
- ◆ February 21
- ◆ March 20
- ◆ April 1
- ◆ May 7
- ◆ June 11

KauaiKingKaumualii.org

◆ January-October 2020 (Last Friday of every month)

ARTafterDARK (O'ahu) – Offering a twist on *pau hana* (after work) happy hour, the Honolulu Museum of Art presents this monthly Friday evening event invigorating the senses with a combination of food, art, music, dancing and drinks. The theme for each ARTafterDARK event is based on the museum's current feature exhibition, presenting a fun and social way to view art in a festive atmosphere. HonoluluMuseum.org

◆ January-December, 2020

Maui Pops Orchestra 2020 Concerts (Maui) – Founded in 2004, the Maui Pops Orchestra is dedicated to presenting both light classical and contemporary pops music for Maui residents and visitors. Its family-friendly concert series showcases a broad spectrum of music written by and for Hawai'i-based artists and entertainers. This year's concert series will present artists such as Disney's original *Little Mermaid* animated film vocalist, Jodi Benson, singer-songwriter-musician Keola Beamer, vocalist Capathia Jenkins and pianist Tony DeSare. MauiPops.org

- ◆ Broadway Pops – January 26
- ◆ Winter Pops – February 23
- ◆ Spring Pops – March 8

◆ January-December, 2020

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Visual Arts Exhibition Program 2020 (Maui) – The Maui Arts and Cultural Center's Visual Arts Exhibition Program 2020 will present five visual arts exhibitions featuring works by local, regional and international artists on subjects reflecting important issues and ideas of our time. Curated to celebrate the spectrum of human experience, all of the exhibitions will be free, open to the public, and include exhibit-related activities, including workshops, lectures and/or hands-on art activities. MauiArts.org

- ◆ The Wood Worker's Journey: Concept to Creation – January 7-February 29
- ◆ AbstractionX3 – April 14-May 31
- ◆ SeedLab: The Growing of Ideas – June 16-July 12

◆ **January 1-5, 2020**

Sentry Tournament of Champions (Maui) – The Sentry Tournament of Champions is the calendar-year opening tournament of golf's PGA TOUR season at Kapalua Golf. This is the only event on the PGA TOUR Pro-Am featuring champions from the previous year with an array of more than 30 of the best players in the world. GolfAtKapalua.com

◆ **January 6-12, 2020**

Sony Open (O'ahu) – Each January the Sony Open in Hawai'i attracts over 144 of the world's greatest golf professionals to the Waialae Country Club on the island of O'ahu. The PGA TOUR event is one of the largest charity golf events in Hawai'i and has raised over \$19million dollars for over 350 local not-for-profits since 1999. SonyOpenInHawaii.com

◆ **January 12, 2020**

New Year's 'Ohana Festival (O'ahu) – The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH) New Year's 'Ohana Festival is the state's largest festival celebrating Japanese New Year traditions. The event held at JCCH and Mō'ili'ili Field features cultural music and dance on two stages, food booths, *keiki* games, kimono dressing, a craft & specialty items fair, cultural displays and demonstrations, free admission to Okage Sama De (JCCH historical gallery), which includes the Ellison Onizuka Remembrance Collection, and the Honouliuli National Monument Education Center. The New Year's Ohana Festival provides an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the New Year and Hawai'i's cultural diversity. JCCH.com

◆ **January 16-18, 2020**

Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualālai (island of Hawai'i) – The PGA Tour Champions and Mitsubishi Electric is set to open the Champions Tour in Hawai'i at Hualālai Resort Golf Club. The roster will be filled with official champion winners from the last five years and other tournament winners of the last two years. PGATour.com

◆ **January 17-18, 2020**

Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Weekend/High School All Star Game (O'ahu) – The Polynesian Bowl is held annually during the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week and is where some of the world's top high school football players gather to celebrate culture and play the game they love. PolynesianFootballHOF.org

◆ **January 18, 2020**

Night in Chinatown (O'ahu) – Night In Chinatown is integrated with the Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Filipino, Thai, Cambodian, Laos, Japanese and all cross sections of the Hawaiian, Polynesian and Pacific Islander cultures. Enjoy a diverse selection of ethnic foods, local food, arts, crafts and various live sources of entertainment. In

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In addition to the Night in Chinatown festival, a celebration for the Lunar New Year will be held on January 25, 2020, in commemoration of the year of the Rat.
ChineseNewYearInHawaii.com

◆ **January 18-28, 2020**

The Sunset Open (O'ahu) – The first World Surf League (WSL) regional Hawai'i/Tahiti Nui event of the new year features a Men's Qualifying Series competition as well as a Men's and Women's Pro Junior division contest, both happening at the North Shore of O'ahu's Sunset Beach. Winners of the Sunset Open get a leg-up on regional surf rankings and a confidence boost heading into the 2020 WSL competition season. The Sunset Open is free and open to the public. WorldSurfLeague.com

◆ **January 19, 2020**

Maui Oceanfront Marathon (Maui) – The Maui Oceanfront Marathon is a community event benefiting local school teams, clubs, and various Maui non-profit groups. This gives runners the chance to run along the oceanside highways of the windswept western coast of Maui, with views of whales and surfers on the waves out in the ocean. There is also a half marathon starting in Lahaina, a 15K starting at Pāpalaua Beach, and a 5K from Lone Palm Point, finishing at Kamehameha Iki Park.
MauiOceanFrontMarathon.com

◆ **January 20-March 21, 2020**

E Kanikapila Kakou "Mele, Hula & Mo'olelo" (Kaua'i) – Since 1984, the E Kanikapila Kakou Hawaiian Music program has focused on building a community of support for Hawaiian composers and musicians through recognition of their talents. This year's 10 weeks of E Kanikapila Kakou performances at Kaua'i Beach Resort will include:

- ◆ Māile Foundation Community Hula Night – January 20
- ◆ Papakōlea Serenaders – January 27
- ◆ Jerry Santos and Kamuela Kimokeo – February 3
- ◆ Michael Pili Pang and *hālau hula* (hula school) – February 10
- ◆ Kūpaoa and the Ke 'Ala Aumoe Dancers – February 17
- ◆ NUE: Na 'Ukulele 'Ekolu – February 24
- ◆ Nāpua Greig – March 2
- ◆ Walt Keale and LT Smooth – March 9
- ◆ Natalie Ai, Iolani Kamauu and Sha-Lei Kamauu – March 16
- ◆ Hawaiian Sovereign String Band – March 21
- ◆ John Mahi and 'Ōiwi present Kaua'i Falsetto Singers – March 23

GardenIslandArts.org

◆ **January 29 - February 10, 2020**

Volcom Pipe Pro (O'ahu) – Waves at world-famous North Shore surf break Pipeline will be at their peak for the 2020 Volcom Pipe Pro, a World Surf League (WSL) Men's Qualifying Series 3,000 competition. Big-name pro surfers headline the contest each year hoping to capture the Volcom Pipe Pro's warrior helmet trophy. The event is free and open to the public and will be streamed live on WorldSurfLeague.com.

◆ **January–March 2020, DATE TBD**

E Kanikapila Kākou 2020: Music is Our Mo'olelo (Kaua'i) – The Garden Island Arts Council presents ten weeks of *E Kanikapila Kākou*. This year's theme centers around the stories of Hawai'i that live on through music, and will feature an array of talented

Hawaiian music, artists, composers and storytellers. Guests are also invited to learn from *kumu hula* who will share their songs, stories and dance. GardenIslandArts.org

FEBRUARY 2020

◆ February 7-9, 2020

Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival (island of Hawai'i) – Presented by the Hawaii Institute for Music Enrichment and Learning Experiences (HIMELE) and the Ke Kula Mele Hawai'i School of Hawaiian Music, the Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival annually brings together legendary steel guitarists for a celebration of the instrument and its music. Held at the Mauna Lani Auberge Resorts Collection Island of Hawai'i resort, the three-day festival features performances, presentations, instructional workshops, jam sessions and school visitations focused on the Hawaiian steel guitar and its importance in Hawaiian music. HawaiiSteelGuitarFestival.com

◆ February 7-16, 2020

POW! WOW! Hawai'i (O'ahu) – POW! WOW! Hawai'i is week-long celebration of culture, music and the arts in downtown Kaka'ako. Artists from around the globe will showcase their work and participate in a widespread beautification project to help promote the education of street art. The event will include gallery shows, live panel discussions, mural projects, concerts, live art installations and more. PowWowHawaii.com

◆ February 8, 2020

Hawaiian Makahiki Series Closing Event (O'ahu) – The final Hawaiian *makahiki* season (see above) event of this series is celebrated with live performances by Hawai'i musicians, dancers and entertainers, and fashion, food and drink at Kualoa Ranch. Competitions will include ancient and modern Hawaiian games. MakahikiChallenge.com

◆ February 8, 2020

Ka Moku O Manokalanipō Pā'ani Makahiki (Kaua'i) – The tradition of *makahiki* festivals honors the Hawaiian god Lono with friendly sports competitions held statewide between November and February, the time of year it is believed Lono ruled the land. Participants in this season-closing *makahiki* can partake in friendly, competitive traditional Hawaiian games, and check out cultural demonstrations, displays from community groups, a made-on-Kaua'i craft fair and local food booths. Moikeha.org

◆ February 15-17, 2020

Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo (island of Hawai'i) – Head to Hilo's Panaewa Equestrian Center for the 29th annual rodeo. This large and diverse event features three days of rodeo that highlight the *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) skills of our local cowboys, cowgirls, *keiki* and traveling rodeo contestants in traditional rodeo events, as well as those unique to Hawai'i's *paniolo* culture. HawaiiRodeoStampede.com

◆ February 15-23, 2020

Waimea Town Celebration (Kaua'i) – Celebrating its 43rd anniversary, this is Kaua'i's longest running festival. Held in Waimea Town, visitors and residents alike can experience nine days of music concerts, cultural exhibits and vibrant cuisine, all culminating in a two-day *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) that allows attendees to engage in the rich history of Kaua'i. WaimeaTownCelebration.com

- ◆ **February 16, 2020**
'Ukulele Picnic in Hawai'i (O'ahu) –The 12th annual 'Ukulele Picnic in Hawai'i strings together a day of exciting events celebrating the state's official musical instrument. This year's festivities will be held at Kaka'ako Gateway Park and feature performances by musicians from Hawai'i and Japan, and vendor booths for attendees to check out. All events are free and open to the public. UkulelePicnicInHawaii.org
- ◆ **February 17, 2020**
Great Aloha Run (O'ahu) – The Great Aloha Run is an annual 8.15-mile foot race starting at Aloha Tower in downtown Honolulu and ending at Aloha Stadium in Hālaawa. The weekend of the run also features a three-day sports, health and fitness expo with an array of exhibition booths offering unique products and services, entertainment, workshops and more. GreatAloharun.com
- ◆ **February 28-29, 2020**
Kaua'i Steel Guitar Festival (Kaua'i) – Festivals on Kaua'i and the island of Hawai'i include steel guitar performances by masters and youth players, steel guitar exhibits, hands-on experiences for festival guests, school presentations, workshops, open stage playing sessions, and public *kanikapila* (Hawaiian-style jam-session). Festivals offer performance opportunities for amateur and professional steel guitarists and provide visitors and residents opportunities to learn about and enjoy Hawaiian music and the Hawaiian steel guitar. KauaiSteelGuitarFestival.com
- ◆ **February 2020, DATE TBD**
Pacific Rim Cup (O'ahu) – International soccer stars from Japan, Canada and the USA are geared up and ready to clash in the Pacific Rim Cup at Aloha Stadium. These world-class soccer leagues will go head-to-head for the championship title during four matches in February at the Aloha Stadium. PacificRimCup.com
- ◆ **February-November, 2020**
Ho'ike'ike Pili Kai (O'ahu) –This new Waikīkī Aquarium event series comprises three one-day celebrations for residents and visitors, focused on ocean education.
WaikikiAquarium.org
 - ◆ February 16
 - ◆ May 1
 - ◆ November 7

MARCH 2020

- ◆ **March 1-December 31, 2020**
Kaua'i Museum Cultural Exhibit (Kaua'i) – Comprised of four culturally significant displays individually spotlighting the Hawaiian quilt, the Hawai'i aloha shirt, *kapa* (bark cloth) and Ni'ihau shells, this new exhibit will feature many one-of-a-kind pieces displayed on Kaua'i for the first time. The exhibit's Ni'ihau shell necklace display was previously showcased at the Bishop Museum on O'ahu, and its aloha shirt display is being brought in from California. The exhibit's Hawaiian quilt and *kapa* displays are part of the Kaua'i Museum's extensive, never-displayed collections. The full exhibit will include participation by 10 cultural practitioners, including members of the Kanahale 'ohana of Ni'ihau. KauaiMuseum.org
- ◆ **March 2, 2020**

Great Waikoloa 'Ukulele Festival (island of Hawai'i) – Celebrating its 20th anniversary, Waikoloa Beach Resort is home to the Great Waikoloa 'Ukulele Festival held annually in March. Hawai'i's top 'ukulele performers come forth for a special evening of entertainment in tribute to the popular instrument. Guests can enjoy a lineup of 'ukulele masters, take lessons, and enter 'ukulele giveaways. UkuleleFestivalHawaii.org

March 6-8, 2020

Honolulu Festival (O'ahu) – Celebrating its 26th anniversary, the Honolulu Festival is one of Hawai'i's premier cultural events. This three-day festival shares the rich, vibrant cultures of Hawai'i and its Pacific Rim neighbors with attendees through educational programs and activities, craft fairs, arts and entertainment, and a grand evening parade through Waikīkī. The festival concludes with the colorful and dramatic Nagaoka Fireworks show off Waikīkī's beaches. HonoluluFestival.com

◆ **March 14, 2020**

Prince Kūhiō Day Celebration (Kaua'i) – The Annual Prince Kūhiō Day celebrates the birthday and life of Prince Kūhiō, and his legacy in promoting native Hawaiian culture and practices in both the hearts and minds of people everywhere. Visitors are welcome to participate in a day of fun-filled activities that are educational, cultural and enjoyable for the whole family. PrinceKuhioDayCelebration.com

◆ **March 15, 2020**

Big Island International Marathon (island of Hawai'i) – Choose from a 26.2-mile marathon, 13.1-mile half marathon, a new 6.2-mile run, or 3.1-mile run in one of the most spectacular environments for a running event. The scenic marathon course follows the “the coast of old Hawai'i” where runners will race alongside historic roads with breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean, picturesque waterfalls, lush tropical forests and expansive sugarcane fields. HiloMarathon.org

◆ **March 26, 2020**

Prince Kūhiō Festival (O'ahu) – The Prince Kūhiō Festival is a series of events, ceremonies and activities organized by The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in celebration of the birthday of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole who became Hawai'i's first delegate to Congress in 1900 and founded the first Hawaiian Civic Club in 1918. The collection of celebrations, some of which were founded in the early 1970s, have grown to include a full month of activities, including a commemorative parade, choral concert, *ho'olaule'a* or *hō'ike'ike* (celebration) and more.

◆ **March 28-29, 2020**

Hawai'i Scottish Festival and Highland Games (O'ahu) – This annual festival celebrates the heritage and history of the Scots in Hawai'i, and features highland games, athletics, dance competitions, swordplay demonstrations and entertainment, including piping, song and dance. HawaiianScottishAssociation.org

APRIL 2020

◆ **April 4, 2020**

Kapu'uola Hula Festival (O'ahu) – Kapu'uola is community festival held at the *pā hula* (hula mound) at Pu'uokapolei. The festival includes hula performances by 10-15 *hālau hula* (hula schools) and live Hawaiian music performances. There are various food vendors, cultural crafters, and activities for audience members and participants. Kapu'uola provides both visitors and residents with an authentic experience of

Hawaiian storytelling through *mele* (song), *oli* (chant) and *hula*. This festival aims to promote the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture and its many artforms as well as the preservation of the natural environment. Kapu'uola strives to elevate Hawai'i's value perception by sharing authentic cultural practices with the community. UluAe.org

◆ **April 5, 2020**

Lavaman Waikoloa Triathlon (island of Hawai'i) – The annual Lavaman Triathlon is an extravaganza of sports and fitness held at Waikoloa Beach Resort. This event, comprised of a 10K run, 40K bike ride, and 1.5K swim, is open to individuals and relay teams of all ages and abilities. The triathlon is followed by an awards party and beach barbeque at 'Anaeho'omalua Bay. LavamanTriathlon.com/Waikoloa

◆ **April 10-11, 2020**

Celebration of the Arts (Maui) – Held at The Ritz-Carlton Kapalua, the award-winning Celebration of the Arts is one of Hawai'i's premier hands-on arts and cultural festivals. *Kama'āina* (local residents) and visitors are invited to experience the "Hawaiian heart and soul" through interaction with artisans, cultural practitioners, speakers, and entertainers. KapaluaCelebrationOfTheArts.com

◆ **April 12-18, 2020**

Merrie Monarch Festival (island of Hawai'i) – Held each spring in Hilo, Hawai'i, this festival honors King Kalākaua and his contributions to the revitalization of hula and the Hawaiian people. The week-long celebration includes crafts, food, cultural demonstrations, a parade, art exhibits and live music, and culminates in the prestigious, three-night Merrie Monarch Hula Competition held at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium. While tickets to attend the evening competition are hard to come by, visitors can enjoy the rest of the festivities in Hilo town. MerrieMonarch.com

◆ **April 15-18, 2020**

LOTTE Championship (O'ahu) – The 9th annual LPGA event will feature a star-studded field of marquee pros who grace the world stage of ladies' professional golf, including defending champions. The 2020 LOTTE Championship will tee off at Ko Olina Golf Club in Kapolei. LOTTEChampionship.com

◆ **April 17-19, 2020**

Kaua'i Okinawan Festival (Kaua'i) – One of the island's largest annual cultural events – attracting more than 1,000 attendees over its two days – this festival shares touchstones of traditional Okinawan culture and tasty Okinawan foods, including andagi, rafute and champuru. It also features live Okinawan music and dance performances, including eisa drumming and a shishimai Okinawan lion dance. HUOA.org

◆ **April 17-26, 2020**

Hawai'i International Film Festival Spring Showcase (O'ahu) – Dedicated to the advancement of cultural exchange among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific and North America through the medium of film, this 10-day showcase of Asia-Pacific independent film is the spring half of the larger, annual Hawai'i International Film Festival, which screens on multiple islands in November. Attendees can expect the very best and newest in independent and global cinema. HIFF.org

◆ **April 17, 19, 25- May 9, 2020**

Honolulu Theatre for Youth – Ke Kula Keiki Ali'i: The Royal School (O'ahu)– A new musical set in the short lived school for children of Hawaiian royalty. Set in the 1840s the

play combines contemporary music with one of the most important historical moments in the kingdom of Hawaii. HTY will produce a Hawaiian language version (Ke Kula Keiki Ali'i) and an English language version (The Royal School) of this show.

Htyweb.org

◆ **April 25, 2020**

East Maui Taro Festival (Maui) – Held in Hāna, the festival features all-day *hula* and music, local arts and crafts, a farmer's market with all types of *kalo* (taro) for sale, from *huli* (shoots) to potted plants, to *kulolo* (dessert) and fresh *poi*, hands-on cultural activities including *poi* pounding, *lauhala* weaving, and *kapa* / *tapa* cloth making, and food booths.

TaroFestival.org

◆ **April 25, 2020**

Waikiki SPAM JAM® (O'ahu) – This annual street festival celebrates Hawai'i's love for SPAM®. Great for all ages, the event takes place in the heart of Waikīkī and features local restaurants offering creative SPAM® dishes, entertainment stages, and Hawai'i crafters. This special event benefits the Hawai'i Foodbank, the largest non-profit in Hawai'i that feeds those in need. SpamJamHawaii.com

◆ **April 25, 2020**

Gabby Pahinui Waimānalo Kanikapila / Hawaiian Music Masters Youth Outreach and Community Reinvestment and Live From Waimānalo Promotional Program (O'ahu) – This gathering of more than 150 of Hawai'i's best musicians and hula dancers is held annually in Waimānalo. The festival acknowledges the musical heritage of the Waimānalo community and honors Gabby Pahinui for his contributions to Hawaiian music. The event is free and includes educational booths, music workshops, cultural demonstrations and displays, *lomilomi* massage, food booths that support athletics and community groups, and arts and craft vendors. NaalehuTheatre.org

◆ **April 25, 2020**

Parade of Farms Festival (O'ahu) – The Parade of Farms is an annual event featuring the unique diversity of O'ahu agriculture. Each year the event focuses on a new and exciting community, and the 2020 will focus on sustainable agriculture and the many ways farmers and ranchers are working to grow local food while caring for the land. Guests will choose from four behind-the-scenes farm tours that engage the senses through hands-on activities and product tastings. Tours will be located in different communities across O'ahu. Parade-Of-Farms.org

◆ **April 26, 2020**

Hale'iwa Metric Century Ride (O'ahu) – This annual event hosted by the Hawai'i Bicycling League includes hundreds of bicycle enthusiasts and newcomers. The course takes riders through Hale'iwa Town on O'ahu's North Shore, along the coastline, over Waimea Valley, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, and Ka'a'awa. All skill levels and ages are welcome. HBL.org

◆ **April 2020, DATE TBD**

'Ukulele Ohana Molokai (Moloka'i) – Spend five intimate days on Moloka'i experiencing the roots that have inspired generations of Hawaiian music. This group of embracing music practitioners will teach old style Hawaiian music and lifestyle to those willing to learn. Through this unique experience, visitors can feel the spirit of the people and culture of Moloka'i while learning to play and compose traditional and

contemporary Hawaiian folk music. There, one can relax and move at a slower pace as the lilting strums of the *'ukulele* fill the listener with aloha. UkeOhana.com

MAY 2020

- ◆ **May 1, 2020**
Lei Day Celebration (O'ahu) – As the most emblematic symbol of Hawai'i, *lei* and Lei Day have been celebrated in the Hawaiian Islands since 1927. The event is held at Kapi'olani Park in Waikīkī and honors *lei* and the traditions surrounding it. Festivities include pageants and competitions for *lei* queen, and the making of colorful and fragrant flower *lei*. HonoluluParks.com
- ◆ **May 1, 2020**
The 40th Annual Irmalee and Walter Pomroy May Day Lei Contest (Kaua'i) – Hosted by the Kaua'i Museum, this free, open-to-the-public contest is a benchmark for *lei*-making on the island, and one of Kaua'i's signature May events. For the third consecutive year, the contest will also honor one of the island's cultural practitioners. The contest annually attracts participation from more than a hundred local *lei* makers, crafting *lei* for judging in six categories related to color and type. The festival opens with a traditional Hawaiian ceremony and chant recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the *lei*. Attendees can even craft their own *lei* with guidance from two master *lei* makers. KauaiMuseum.org
- ◆ **May 1-2, 2020**
Big Island Chocolate Festival (island of Hawai'i) – This annual fundraiser that benefits five local non-profits and Hawai'i cacao farmers. The fun, interactive festival encompasses seminars, demonstrations, a student chef competition, a professionally judged cacao bean taste off, a festive gala fundraiser and a silent auction. This year's theme is "Lei Day," and our chef's will create their dishes and table decor based on that interpretation. BigIslandChocolateFestival.com
- ◆ **May 6-9, 2020**
28th Annual World Fireknife Championships (Maui) – The world's most talented fireknife dancers turn on the heat at this four-night competition at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Fireknife dancers as young as six years old will be seeking to win the coveted title of World Fireknife Champion (in their respective divisions). Attendees will be treated to a cultural experience unlike any other, and the best of the best will be crowned a World Champion in Women, Junior and Senior Divisions. WorldFireKnife.com
- ◆ **May 8, 2020**
Maui Classical Music Festival (Maui) – The annual festival gathers world-renowned musicians to create a program of wide appeal from the Baroque period to Twentieth Century works. The esteemed festival works to enrich and educate Maui's community by presenting renowned musicians to perform the highest quality chamber music, to build a growing audience of multi-cultural citizens of Maui, other Hawaiian Islands, and visitors. MauiClassicalMusicFestival.org
- ◆ **May 8-15, 2020**
Maui Classical Music Festival (Maui) – The festival entails a series of five chamber music concerts, performed in three historic Maui churches and Baldwin High School.

Chamber music is a form of music composed for a small number of acoustic instruments, one musician to a part, without a conductor. Due to its intimate nature, chamber music has been called "the music of friends." Ten world-class musicians (violin, viola, cello, piano, specialty instruments) will perform under the guidance of music directors Yizhak Schotten and Katherine Collier, of the University of Michigan.
MauiClassicalMusicFestival.org

◆ **May 8, 15,16 2020**

Maui Matsuri Festival (Maui) – The Maui Matsuri festival includes three days of events consisting of a kick-off celebration of Japanese culture and traditions at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, followed by a multi-cultural festival at the University of Hawai'i Maui College. The festivities culminate with the Maui Matsuri Festival, featuring entertainment, food, and family-fun activities.

- Friday, May 8 – International Culture Night
- Friday, May 15 – Taiko Festival
- Saturday, May 16 – Maui Matsuri Festival

MauiMatsuri.com

◆ **May 8-17, 2020**

Ka'ū Coffee Festival (island of Hawai'i) – The Ka'ū region on the island of Hawai'i has quickly become one of the up-and-coming premier coffee providers in the world and continues to celebrate its success year after year with a festival featuring its products. The festivities include the Miss Ka'ū Coffee pageant, a *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) featuring competitions for the best coffee, coffee recipes, farm tours, coffee demos, and, of course, lots of food and entertainment. KauCoffeeFestival.com

◆ **May 9, 2020**

'Ahahui Kīwila Hawai'i O Mo'ikeha – Ka Moku O Manikalanipō Pā'ani Makahiki and May Day by the Bay (Kaua'i) – Community event at Wai'oli Beach Park featuring *mele* (music), *hula* (dance), cultural practitioners, Kaua'i made products, a silent auction and *'ono* food in efforts to keep culture alive and create an experience for visitors to engage authentically. Moikeha.org

◆ **May 9-10, 2020**

May Day by the Bay (Kaua'i) – Established in 1981, this annual event brings world-class music and hula to Kaua'i and its scenic north shore Wai'oli Beach Park. Attendees enjoy five hours of live performances from Kaua'i musicians, *hula hālau* (hula groups), and music groups from the neighbor islands. They're also encouraged to learn from and participate in a variety of cultural activities, including traditional Hawaiian games, *poi* pounding, *lauhala* weaving, *lei* making and more. The event also includes food vendors, made-on-Kaua'i products for sale, and a silent auction. Moikeha.org

◆ **May 9-10, 2020**

Second Annual Garden Island Boogie Board Classic (Kaua'i) – This two-day community-based amateur and professional boogie-boarding contest at Prince Kūhiō Beach Park features competition in Super Grom (ages 9 and under), Menehune (ages 10 - 13), Masters (ages 35 and over) and Open Pro divisions. Support and mentoring for participating surfers in the contest's amateur divisions are provided by surfing *kūpuna* (elders) and professional boogie boarders. The event's awards ceremony is held at the park as well, at the end of the contest's second day. Kaikeha.SurfSignUp.com

◆ **May 10, 2020**

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Honolulu Triathlon (O'ahu) – This Olympic distance triathlon based at Ala Moana Beach Park features a 1.5K swim along the shore for spectator viewing, a 40K bike course along O'ahu's south shore, and a 10K double loop run. The run course finishes at Magic Island. HonoluluTriathlon.com

◆ **May 15-16, 2020**

Maui Steel Guitar Festival (Maui) – The 2020 Maui Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival features a line up of some of the world's finest Hawaiian Steel Guitar players. This free, three day festival includes a series of performances, presentations, instructional workshops, jam sessions and educational exhibitions that share the origins of the Hawaiian Steel Guitar and its importance in the Hawaiian music genre. MauiSteelGuitarFestival.com

◆ **May 15-17, 2020**

Kawaii Kon (O'ahu) – Kawaii Kon is a three-day convention that celebrates Japanese anime (cartoons), manga (comics), and all facets of Japanese culture. Offering a variety of events and activities throughout the weekend, Kawaii Kon is held annually at the Hawai'i Convention Center. KawaiiKon.com

◆ **May 15-17, 2020**

Hawai'i Kuauili Pacific and Asia Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) – This celebration features the island of Hawai'i and its beauty as a cultural melting pot. The three-day event will be packed with food, fashion, cultural expressions, a *keiki hula* competition and cultural workshops. HIKuauili.com

◆ **May 17, 2020**

Farm Festival at Hāmākua Harvest (island of Hawai'i) – The annual farm festival at Hāmākua Harvest in Honoka'a will feature an all-day line-up of entertainment, educational presentations, children's activities, a silent auction, arts and crafts, and a 45-vendor farmers market featuring locally grown products and delicious food. The festival is the official kick-off of Honoka'a Western Week, which brings the district's vibrant ranching community together with the area's blossoming farming community. HamakuaHarvest.org

◆ **May 22, 2020**

Hawai'i Book & Music Festival (O'ahu) – The Hawai'i Book & Music Festival is a unique event that strives to celebrate and honor books, storytelling and music in way that is fun, accessible, and memorable for people of all ages, backgrounds and tastes. The festival also introduces Hawai'i books and music to the world, as well as introduces Hawai'i to new worlds of books and music. <http://hawaiibookandmusicfestival.com>

◆ **May 25, 2020**

Lantern Floating Hawai'i (O'ahu) – A time-honored Buddhist rite, candle-lit lanterns are individually set afloat on the ocean during the Lantern Floating Hawai'i festival. Each year, thousands of people locally and from around the world gather at Ala Moana Beach Park for this visually stunning and moving event to honor loved ones that have passed, and to wish for peace and happiness. LanternFloatingHawaii.com

◆ **May 30, 2020**

2020 Hawai'i Polo Life Summer Invitational (O'ahu) – This professional polo event features play from some of the world's best polo. Its goal is building awareness of the

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sport, whose history in the Islands dates back to Hawai'i's *paniolo* (Hawaiian cowboy) roots during the era of the Kingdom of Hawai'i. GseHawaii.com

◆ **May 30, 2020**

IRONMAN 70.3 Hawai'i Triathlon (island of Hawai'i) – This triathlon is a qualifying event for the IRONMAN World Championship held in October, also on the island of Hawai'i. The Olympic distance race is comprised of a 1.2-mile swim at Hāpuna Beach Park, 56-mile bike ride on the legendary Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, and 13.1-mile run through Mauna Lani Resort's beautiful grounds. Ironman.com

◆ **May 30, 2020**

Maui County Agricultural Festival (Maui) – Hosted by Maui County Farm Bureau, the 12th annual festival shares, celebrates, and educates residents and visitors about Maui's local agriculture. Held at Maui Tropical Plantation in Waikapū, the Agricultural Fest includes Grand Taste Education, cooking demonstrations, livestock exhibits, entertainment, and Maui-centric food booths. MauiAgFest.org

◆ **May 2020 DATE TBD**

Banana Poka RoundUp (Kaua'i) – The Kōke'e Museum presents an educational fair highlighting the creative functions of the invasive South American pest, the Banana Poka vine. Bring the whole family to enjoy activities, including basket weaving, live music, educational presentations, face painting, hiking, and nature art for the kids. Kokee.org

◆ **May 2020, DATES TBD**

Moloka'i Ka Hula Piko (Moloka'i) – Engage in the annual cultural and educational festival celebrating the *mo'olelo* (history) of Moloka'i and origins of *hula*. The three-day festival culminates with a grand *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) with music, *hula*, and food and craft booths from vendors arriving from throughout the Hawaiian Islands. KaHulaPiko.com

◆ **May 2020, DATE TBD**

Filipino Fiesta and Parade (O'ahu) – The annual Filipino Flores De Mayo Parade includes numerous bands, floats and marching groups created and supported by civic, cultural and community organizations. The post parade fiesta in Kapi'olani Park welcomes all with an assortment of food, educational and craft booths dedicated to Filipino culture. Filcom.org

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◆ **June 4-7, 2020**

Kapalua Wine & Food Festival (Maui) – One of the most prestigious festivals of its kind in Hawai'i, the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival celebrates the art of fine food and wine with a four-day culinary extravaganza. Inspired by innovation and excellence, the festival explores some of the most exciting trends in the gastronomic world. The event brings together world-renowned winemakers, top master sommeliers, celebrated chefs, and industry insiders in fun, themed tastings, seminars, and evening gala events. KapaluaWineAndFoodFestival.com

◆ **June 12-14, 2020**

Pan-Pacific Festival (O'ahu) – Matsuri (Japanese word for festival) in Hawai'i began in 1980 as a cultural exchange between Japan and Hawai'i. Visiting participants from Japan were able to enjoy the familiarity of Japanese music, crafts, traditions and foods, while Hawai'i residents and other visitors were provided an opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation of Japanese sensibilities and cultural heritage. Today, the festival features events throughout Waikīkī showcasing Japan's pageantry with a *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) block party, art fair and *hula* performances, culminating with a grand parade down Kalākaua Avenue. Pan-Pacific-Festival.com

◆ **June 11, 2020**

North Kohala Kamehameha Day Celebration (island of Hawai'i) – Every June 11, thousands gather on the northern tip of the island of Hawai'i to honor Kamehameha I, the chief who united the Hawaiian Islands in 1795. Festivities include a *lei* ceremony honoring the King Kamehameha statue, a floral parade, and a music festival with award-winning Hawaiian musicians at Kamehameha Park. KamehamehaDayCelebration.org

◆ **June 13, 2020**

King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade (O'ahu) – Celebrating its 104th year, this colorful celebration honors the reign of King Kamehameha, who was responsible for uniting the Hawaiian Islands under his rule in 1810. The parade features brightly decorated floats, energetic marching bands and traditional *pā'ū* riders who represent a Hawaiian royal court on horseback. Following the parade will be a *ho'olaule'a* (celebration). Hawaii.gov/Kamehameha

◆ **June 17-21, 2020**

Maui Film Festival at Wailea (Maui) – Equal parts film and lifestyle, this star-studded event pairs Hawaiian culture and film in the luxurious resort area of Wailea. Spanning five days, the Maui Film Festival at Wailea will consist of inspiring film premieres, gala parties, celebrity appearances, and Hawaiian music and dance. MauiFilmFestival.com

◆ **June 21-28 2020**

5th Annual East Meets West Festival & First Sunday Jazz Series (Maui) – Jazz Maui will feature the East Meets West Festival, a week-long event series that brings together performers, educators and students from Hawai'i, the U.S. Mainland and Southeast Asia for a celebration of jazz music, contemporary dance and Maui's multi-ethnic cuisine. JazzMaui.org

◆ **June 21, 2020**

Kona Marathon & Family Fun Runs (island of Hawai'i) – In addition to the usual marathon distance, the Kona Family Fun Runs offer half-marathon, 10K, and 5K courses for runners of all ages and abilities. The day before the marathon (June 20), don't miss The Health & Fitness Fair, a family-friendly event, with more than 45 booths, entertainment, a speakers' series, and food. KonaMarathon.com

◆ **June 28, 2020**

29th Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival "Maui Style" (Maui) – The event provides an opportunity to engage and participate in a quality-laden cultural event that showcases 15-20 artists who specializes in the art form and the history behind *kī ho'alu* (slack key guitar). These artists will share the origins of *kī ho'alu*, its influences, and

where the development is today. The festival will also feature "Made In Hawai'i" crafters, local food vendors and festival merchandise. SlackKeyFestival.com

◆ **June-July 2020, DATES TBD**

Hawai'i Performing Arts Festival (island of Hawai'i) – Young musicians and performers from Hawai'i and around the world are the stars of this series of concerts and stage performances, which are part of intensive study and performance training they undertake over the summer the festival occurs. The opportunity affords these young artists the chance to learn from and perform with some of the world's most prominent teachers and mentors, while fest attendees enjoy their work at concerts and stage performances held throughout the festival. HawaiiPerformingArtsFestival.org

◆ **June-September 2020**

Hawai'i Marlin Tournament Series (island of Hawai'i) – Hawai'i is renowned for its big-game fishing excitement as anglers from across the globe flock to the Islands in anticipation of snagging a prized marlin, yellow fin tuna, and other deep sea dwellers. The Hawai'i Marlin Tournament Series captures the thrill with several events including:

- ◆ Kona Kick Off– June 27-28
- ◆ Firecracker Open – July 4-5
- ◆ The Kona Throw Down – July 7-9
- ◆ Skins Marlin Derby – July 10-12
- ◆ The Hawai'i Lure Makers Challenge – July 17-19
- ◆ Big Island Marlin Tournament – August 21-23
- ◆ It's a Wrap Tournament – September 13-15

For more information, visit KonaTournaments.com

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