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"SUNSET MELE ON THE ROOFTOP" ENTERTAINMENT SERIES DEBUTS AT THE HAWAI'I CONVENTION CENTER

- Monthly event begins on July 11, featuring Hawai'i singer-musician Josh Tatofi -

HONOLULU – Looking for the perfect accompaniment for a warm O'ahu evening in the city? In July, the Hawai'i Convention Center (HCC) will kick off its new monthly entertainment series, "Sunset Mele on the Rooftop," featuring a full evening of FREE performances by Hawai'i's next generation of talented musicians, dancers and performing artists, as well as fun activities for the entire family to enjoy.

The new HCC-hosted series will launch on Sat., July 11, from 5 to 9:30 p.m., with a sunset performance by up-and-coming singer-musician Josh Tatofi and a keiki hula hālau (group), followed by a moonlight screening of a popular Disney feature film on a large outdoor movie screen. Special characters from the Disney movie will be on hand for photo opportunities and autographs, and a Sunset Mele Market Place will feature artisans, crafters, as well as gourmet hotdogs, popcorn, beverages and more prepared by the Hawai'i Convention Center's on-site culinary team to round out the evening's activities.

"Sunset Mele on the Rooftop is a celebration of our island heritage through music and culture, and we're excited to be able to highlight Hawai'i's emerging performers," said Teri Orton, general manager of the Hawai'i Convention Center. "Whether you're a resident or visiting from out-of-town, there's something for everyone to enjoy."

Son of the former bass player for the popular local band Kapena, Tatofi is out to make a name for himself as an artist, composer and producer. His musical compositions range from Hawaiian, to reggae and R&B.

Guests are welcome to bring their own blankets, mats and low-seated lawn chairs to enjoy the music and film under the stars on the grass lawn of the convention center's spacious rooftop garden. The schedule of activities for the evening will be as follows:

5 p.m.

"Sunset Mele on the Rooftop" begins Sunset Mele Market Place – gourmet hotdogs and popcorn, artisans, crafters and more

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6 p.m.	Entertainment by Josh Tatofi and keiki (child) hula dancers
6:30 p.m.	Photo opportunities and autographs with characters of
	featured Disney film
7:30 p.m.	Screening of Disney feature film
9:30 p.m.	"Sunset Mele on the Rooftop" pau (finished)

Admission to "Sunset Mele on the Rooftop" is free and parking at the Hawai'i

Convention Center for the event is \$5 per vehicle. Outside food, beverages and coolers will not be allowed.

The "Sunset Mele on the Rooftop" series will continue monthly through the end of the year, with each event featuring a new entertainment lineup. The second event of the series is set for Sat., Aug. 15. For more information, call (808) 943-3025 or visit <u>Facebook.com/HawaiiConventionCenter</u>.

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