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***EXPERIENCE THE BEST IN PACIFIC RIM CULTURE AND CUISINE
AT THE HONOLULU FESTIVAL FRIENDSHIP GALA
March 3rd Celebration Features Top Restaurants and Lively Entertainment***

HONOLULU – Food and music are universally fun and when you put them together they make for a perfect celebration of cultures. That will definitely be the case on the evening of Saturday, March 3, at the Honolulu Festival Friendship Gala, an entertaining showcase of Pacific Rim cultural and culinary creativity, featuring some of Hawaii's most celebrated restaurants (see list below).

“We invite residents and visitors to experience the Friendship Gala for some of the best cuisine Honolulu has to offer and exciting entertainment from our participants,” said Keiichi Tsujino, president of the Honolulu Festival Foundation. “What makes the evening more special is the proceeds go to support cultural education in Hawaii.”

Along with delicious dishes ranging from entrees to desserts, attendees will also enjoy spectacular cultural entertainment by performers from countries throughout the Pacific Rim who are here for the 2012 Honolulu Festival, March 3-4.

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WHAT: Friendship Gala benefiting the Honolulu Festival Foundation

WHEN: **Saturday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Hawaii Convention Center, Kamehameha Exhibit Hall 1

RESTAURANTS: 3660 on the Rise
Chef Mavro
Honolulu Coffee Company*
Le Bistro*
Mariposa at Neiman Marcus
Nanzan Giro Giro*
Nobu Waikiki
Prince Court Restaurant
Ruth's Chris Steak House
Wolfgang Steakhouse

**First time participant*

ADMISSION: Tickets are \$90 per person over age 21 or \$70 for those under 21 (under age 6 are free). Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.honolulufestival.com> or by calling the hotline at (808) 833-3378. Proceeds raised support the Honolulu Festival Foundation's cultural and educational programs for schools and children in Hawaii.

PARKING: Complimentary validated parking is available at the Hawaii Convention Center.

For more information, please visit www.honolulufestival.com. Follow the Honolulu Festival on Facebook and on Twitter at @honfestival.

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