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***FRIENDSHIP GALA PROMISES GOOD FOOD,  
ENTERTAINMENT FOR A DESERVING CAUSE, MARCH 6  
Guests to enjoy Raiatea Helm, cultural performances and premier cuisine***

HONOLULU – The entertainment and cultural performances of the Honolulu Festival begins Friday, March 6, with the Friendship Gala, featuring Raiatea Helm, the Ukulele Super Kids, and visiting Pacific Rim performers, topped with delicious cuisine from some of Hawaii’s most popular restaurants.

The Friendship Gala is the only paid event of the Honolulu Festival, with proceeds benefiting the Honolulu Festival Foundation’s cultural and educational programs for schools and children in Hawaii.

“The gala truly embodies the importance of diversity, culture, and community giving” said Tsukasa Harufuku, president of the Honolulu Festival Foundation. “Our mission is to support cultural education in Hawaii, and the Friendship Gala is important in helping to achieve that goal.”



- WHAT:** Friendship Gala, benefiting the Honolulu Festival Foundation
- WHEN:** **Friday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** (doors open at 6:40 p.m.)
- WHERE:** Hawaii Convention Center, Kamehameha Exhibit Hall 1
- RESTAURANTS:** Morimoto Waikiki  
MW Restaurant  
Roy’s Waikiki  
Ruth’s Chris Steak House  
Yatai Sushi
- PERFORMERS:** **Raiatea Helm**, Jody Kamisato & the Ukulele Super Kids, University of Hawaii Marching Band, Ryukyu Koten Afuso-ryu Ongaku Kenkyuu Choichi Kai Hawaii, and more!

**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 (808) 833-3378.

**PARKING:** Complimentary validated parking is available at the Hawaii Convention Center. Spaces are limited.

For more information, please visit [www.honolulufestival.com](http://www.honolulufestival.com). Follow the Honolulu Festival on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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