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***HONOLULU FESTIVAL FRIENDSHIP GALA SUPPORTS
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN HAWAII***

March 7th Celebration Features Dazzling Cultural Entertainment and Top Restaurants

HONOLULU – The spectacular celebration of Pacific Rim cultures showcased at the 20th Annual Honolulu Festival begins with the Friendship Gala on Friday, March 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Attendees will enjoy an exciting night of music, dance and cultural entertainment by performers from Asia Pacific and Hawaii, along with delectable entrées and desserts from some of Hawaii’s most popular restaurants (list below).

“The Friendship Gala is a wonderful event that supports cultural education in Hawaii, while also bridging together Pacific Rim cultures” said Keiichi Tsujino, president of the Honolulu Festival Foundation. “It’s a delightful event for guests to enjoy local cuisine and entertainment, while leaving a positive impact on Hawaii’s community.”

The Friendship Gala is the only paid event of the Honolulu Festival. Funds raised from the event are used to support the Honolulu Festival Foundation’s educational and cultural programs for schools and children in Hawaii.

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- WHAT:** Friendship Gala benefiting the Honolulu Festival Foundation
- WHEN:** **Friday, March 7**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:10 p.m.)
- WHERE:** Hawaii Convention Center, Kamehameha Exhibit Hall 1
- RESTAURANTS:** Hakone
Mariposa at Neiman Marcus
Morimoto Waikiki
Roy’s Hawaii Kai
Ruth’s Chris Steak House
Honolulu Coffee Company
Cakeworks*
**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, Instagram (@Honolulu_Festival) and on Twitter (@honfestival).

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