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**HONOLULU FESTIVAL TO PRESENT A DYNAMIC LINEUP OF
FREE CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, MUSIC AND ARTS, MARCH 11-13, 2016**

WHAT: The only cultural festival of its kind in Hawaii, the Honolulu Festival is dedicated to celebrating the people, arts and culture of the Pacific Rim. Enjoy *FREE* dance performances, music, special exhibits and more, March 11-13, 2016.

Under the theme, "*Cultural Harmony, Journey to Peace*," the Festival also features the spectacular Waikiki Grand Parade and fabulous Nagaoka Fireworks Show over Waikiki Beach.

WHEN: MARCH 11 – FRIENDSHIP GALA

The weekend of festivities begins with the **Friendship Gala**, the Honolulu Festival's only paid event, which serves as a fundraiser to support educational and cultural programs in Hawaii. The Gala showcases vibrant cultural entertainment and performances, along with a selection of entrées to enjoy from many of Hawaii's premier restaurants.

MARCH 12-13 – FREE CULTURAL AND ARTS PERFORMANCES

Attendees will experience cultural entertainment by performers from the Pacific Rim and Hawaii. Highlights include traditional taiko drumming, cultural dances, musical performances, hula, exhibits and more! Locations: Hawaii Convention Center, Waikiki Beach Walk, and Ala Moana Center.

MARCH 13 – GRAND FINALE IN WAIKIKI

Grand Parade, 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy exciting entertainment by cultural performers, bands, and floats as they dance their way down Kalakaua Avenue.

Nagaoka Fireworks Show, 8:30 p.m.

The always-popular Nagaoka City fireworks show from Japan is scheduled to light up the skies over Waikiki Beach.

[SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

INFORMATION: Website: www.honolulufestival.com / (808) 833-3378/ @honfestival

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HONOLULU – Supported by the Honolulu Festival Foundation, Hawaii Tourism Authority, and corporate sponsors, the 22nd annual Honolulu Festival features a weekend of *free* arts and cultural displays and entertainment performances for all to enjoy, March 11-13, 2016.

Under the banner of “*Pacific Harmony*” and the theme, “*Cultural Harmony, Journey to Peace*” the Honolulu Festival’s goal is to help perpetuate the strong cultural and ethnic ties between the people of Hawaii and the Pacific Rim.

The Honolulu Festival Foundation supports educational and cultural programs for the benefit of Hawaii’s school children and the community-at-large through public outreach and charitable efforts.