

Special Message from Governor Josh Green, M.D. In Recognition of 27th Annual Honolulu Festival

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The State of Hawai'i is well known for its unique cultural and ethnic diversity, and the strong respect and mutual appreciation that its people share for one another. I am honored to welcome you to the 27th Annual Honolulu Festival, a cherished cultural event which promotes mutual understanding, economic cooperation and ethnic harmony between the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Rim region.

The Honolulu Festival is one of Hawai'i's largest cultural exchange celebrations, attracting hundreds of local and international performers each year. Since it was first held in 1995, the Honolulu Festival has become a beloved event, and continues to serve as a showcase of diverse cultures and traditions. This year's theme, "Connect with Aloha, Forward to the New Future," is the perfect sentiment as the Festival gathers for the first time in three years after cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, it is important to come together as a community, connect with one another and our cultures, and build towards a better future for Hawai'i, the Pacific Rim, and the world.

Mahalo to the Honolulu Festival Foundation, sponsors, volunteers, performers, and attendees for making the 2023 Honolulu Festival a success, and supporting a proud legacy of cultural celebration. Please enjoy all of the events, activities, and performances that the Honolulu Festival has to offer.

With warmest Aloha.

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