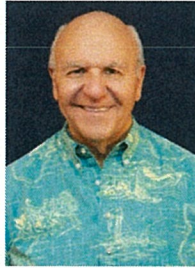




## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RICK BLANGIARDI



I am very pleased to send my warmest aloha to the performers, participants, organizers and spectators of the 27th Honolulu Festival, March 11-12, 2023.

The City and County of Honolulu warmly welcomes the return of this vibrant, highly anticipated festival after a multiyear hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are pleased to showcase to all of the performers, volunteers and spectators from the Pacific Rim and around the world our beautiful island paradise, the Gathering Place of Hawai‘i, for one of Hawai‘i’s largest cultural exchange celebrations.

Mahalo to the Honolulu Festival Foundation for organizing this annual event that nurtures appreciation and understanding, celebrates the culture and arts of Pacific Rim nations, and promotes mutual understanding, economic cooperation and harmony among the people of Hawai‘i and the Pacific Rim.

On behalf of the people of the City and County of Honolulu, I extend best wishes for a wonderful festival to “Connect with Aloha, Forward to the New Future.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Blangiardi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Blangiardi