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Host culture honored with annual Keiki Hula Festival at Lahaina Cannery Mall

Plus free music, cultural activities and more this month

Lahaina, Maui, Hawai'i – Celebrate the talent and grace of Maui's keiki at Lahaina Cannery Mall's 11th-annual Keiki Hula Festival July 25 and 26. This free, two-day event will feature more than eight halau (dance troupes) from across the island presenting richly choreographed kahiko (ancient hula) and 'auana (modern) hula that express the traditional values of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands.

The weekend celebration also features Hawaiian artisans and crafters demonstrating lei making, wood carving and other traditional skills.

Halau will take the stage every-other hour beginning at 11 a.m. with the last performance at 5 p.m. each day.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

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| 11 a.m. | Mana Toa |
| 1 p.m. | Na Kamalii O Ke Akua |
| 3 p.m. | Te Tiare Patitira |
| 5 p.m. | Na Pua Malia |

SUNDAY, JULY 26

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| 11 a.m. | Halau Manutea |
| 1 p.m. | Halau Hula O Keola Aliiokekai |
| 3 p.m. | Na Kamalii Nani O Lahaina |
| 5 p.m. | Closing keiki hula halau |

Other events in July include:

Every Tuesday

- Free 'ukulele lessons at 5:45 p.m.

Every Tuesday and Thursday

- Polynesian Performances Hula Show at 7 p.m.

Every Saturday

- Keiki Hula Show at 1 p.m.
- Maui Toy Works - Yu-Gi-Oh Card Session from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Every Sunday

- Keiki Hula Show at 1 p.m.
- Maui Toy Works: Yo-Yo/skill toys workshop and demonstration 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Lahaina Cannery Mall is Maui's only fully enclosed, air-conditioned shopping complex. Open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Lahaina Cannery Mall has more than 50 shops and restaurants and is located on the north end of Lahaina Town fronting Honoapi'ilani Highway and Front Street. Management and leasing handled by CB Richard Ellis. For more information, call (808) 661-5304, or visit www.lahainacannery.com.

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Photo attached (additional photos available upon request):

Keiki perform 'auana (modern) hula at Lahaina Cannery Mall during the 2008 Keiki Hula Festival. This year's event will take place July 25 and 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.