



HAWAII'S WORLD-CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR January-June 2024

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JANUARY 2024

♦ **January 4-7, 2024**

The Sentry (Maui) — The Sentry — formerly The Sentry Tournament of Champions — opens the 2024 calendar year and the PGA Tour season on Maui's northwest coast at the Plantation Course at Kapalua. For the past 25 years, Maui has graciously hosted The Sentry, which aims to continue using its platform to ensure continued awareness, fundraising and support for the West Maui community. The Sentry features an accomplished field of pro golfers, including PGA Tour winners from the 2023 calendar year and the top 50 of final FedExCup standings. The Sentry annually attracts over 30 of the world's best golfers for tournament play. Sentry.com

♦ **January 8-15, 2024**

Sony Open in Hawai'i (O'ahu) — Each January, the Sony Open in Hawai'i brings together 144 top golf professionals at O'ahu's Waialae Country Club. One of Hawai'i's largest charity golf events, the Sony Open in Hawai'i debuted in 1999, donating more than \$256,000 for 43 charities. Over the years, its fundraising and beneficiaries have grown significantly to an annual \$1.2 million for more than 100 local nonprofits. In total, the tournament has raised more \$23 million for 350-plus local organizations since its founding. A five-consecutive-year Green Business Award winner, the Sony Open in Hawai'i also prioritizes energy efficiency and sustainability. SonyOpenInHawaii.com

♦ **January 13, 2024**

New Year's 'Ohana Festival (O'ahu) — The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i's (JCCH) New Year's 'Ohana Festival is the state's largest annual festival celebrating Japanese New Year's traditions. The year's festival offers O'ahu residents and visitors an opportunity to come together to celebrate the upcoming Year of the Dragon with food, cultural demonstrations and entertainment. JCCH.com

♦ **January 12-February 16, 2024**

Annual Juried Exhibition (Maui) — Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center will host its annual Juried Exhibition, offering visitors an opportunity to view current work by local artists in all media. The works exhibited in each year's unique show are judged by a panel of guest jurors looking for new perspectives from competing artists. HuiNoeau.com

♦ **January 14, 2024**

Maui Oceanfront Marathon (Maui) — Held annually during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, the Maui Oceanfront Marathon brings Maui residents and visitors together for a fun-filled day of events. The contest offers a half marathon starting at or near Mā'alaea Harbor, a 6-Miler beginning outside Ukumehame Beach Park, and a 5K from Launiupoko Beach Park. All donations from this year's 16th annual marathon will go toward rebuilding King Kamehameha's Hale at the event's original finish line, Kamehameha Iki Park. MauiOceanFrontMarathon.com

♦ **January 18-20, 2024**

Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualālai (island of Hawai'i) — Continuing its January tournament journey through the Hawaiian Islands, the PGA Tour heads to the island of Hawai'i's Hualālai Golf Course for the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualālai. The tournament's roster will include PGA Tour champions from the past five years and other tournament winners of the past two years. [HualalaiResort.com](https://hualalairesort.com)

♦ **January 19 & 20, 2024**

Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Polynesian Bowl (O'ahu) — The Polynesian Bowl is held annually during the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame's Enshrinement Week, regularly gathering some of the world's top high school football players to celebrate culture and play the game they love. PolynesianFootballHOF.org

♦ **January 21, 2024**

Maui Pops Orchestra 2024 Concerts (Maui) — Founded in 2004, the Maui Pops Orchestra is dedicated to presenting light classical and contemporary pops music for island residents and visitors. The orchestra's family-friendly concert series showcases a broad spectrum of music written by and for Hawai'i-based artists and entertainers. Its 2024 concert series will present vocalists such as Susan Egan and Adam Jacobs, Morgan James and LaKisha Jones, and Ginger Pauley and Matt Tolentino. MauiPops.org

- ♦ Disney and Beyond — January 21
- ♦ Broadway Pops — February 18
- ♦ Roaring 20s — March 17

♦ **January 28, 2024**

22nd Annual Art of Aloha (Maui) — Maui's largest annual art show celebrates another year of local art at Lahaina Galleries in the Shops at Wailea and welcomes eight artists from around the world. Visitors to this year's exhibition will enjoy art from Caroline Zimmermann, Donna Young, Steve Turnbull, Ronaldo Macedo, Robert Lyn Nelson, Carrie Graber, Pete Cabrera and Alex Berstein. LahainaGalleries.com

FEBRUARY 2024

♦ **February 2 & 3, 2024**

Chinese New Year Celebration — The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i will present its annual Chinese New Year Celebration at the Chinatown Cultural Plaza in Downtown Honolulu's Chinatown district. The family-friendly two-day event celebrating the start of the Year of the Dragon will include food and craft booths, live entertainment, special cultural performances, lion and dragon dances, and more. ChineseChamber.com

♦ **February 3, 2024**

31st Annual Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival (island of Hawai'i) — With events at Parker Ranch Center and the flower-filled cherry blossom trees of Church Row Park in ranch town Waimea, this popular event includes cultural demonstrations, food from local chefs, craft vendors, a traditional tea ceremony, live entertainment and more. Facebook.com/people/Waimea-Cherry-Blossom-Heritage-Festival

♦ **February 5, 12, 19, 26 & March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024**

E Kanikapila Kākou 2024 (Kaua'i) — The Garden Island Arts Council presents eight weeks of E Kanikapila Kākou on Monday nights in February and March with a theme centered around the story of *mele* (music). Series events will feature Hawaiian music, artists, composers and storytellers. Guests will have opportunities to learn from *hula* practitioners sharing their heritage, culture and history through *hula* and *mele*. The series' weekly events will be held at the Outrigger Kaua'i Beach Resort and Spa. GardenIslandArts.org

♦ **February 9-21, 2024**

Kaua'i Quilt Show 2024 — The Kaua'i Quilt Show, set for the Kaua'i Society of Artists Gallery in the Kukui Grove Center, will showcase more than 70 local-crafted quilts available for purchase. A special Meet the Quilters Reception happens at the show on February 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., offering opportunities to interact with quilt creators. Admission to the Kaua'i Quilt Show is free and proceeds from event sales will support a Kaua'i nonprofit of each quilt buyer's choice. The show's programming also includes ongoing quilting workshops for attendees. The Kaua'i Quilt Show will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. KauaiFestivals.com

♦ **February 17-18, 2024**

Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo (island of Hawai'i) — Rodeo competitors from the local ranching community gather at this popular two-day event drawing residents and visitors for cattle roping, double mugging, bull riding and many other thrilling, fast-paced displays of skill. The Pana'ewa Stampede's schedule runs throughout the President's Day weekend. PanaewaStampedeRodeo.com

♦ **February 17-25, 2024**

Waimea Town Celebration (Kaua'i) — Kaua'i's longest-running festival celebrates its 46th anniversary with nine days of music concerts, cultural exhibits and tasty cuisine culminating in a two-day *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) inviting attendees to engage in the island's rich history. Visitors and residents are welcome to experience the popular celebration in historic Waimea town. WaimeaTownCelebration.com

♦ **February 24-25, 2024**

SOKO 9th Annual Artists Studio Tour (island of Hawai'i) — The public is invited to visit local artists in their studios at more than a dozen locations on the scenic Kona Coast. Plan for a full day of learning and talk story with the artists about their inspiration and techniques. SokoArtists.com.

MARCH 2024

♦ **March 3, 2024**

Maui 5K (Maui) — Runners are invited to join the 13th annual Maui 5K, presented by the Maui Ocean Center, which includes opportunities to participate in the event's timed 5K race and an untimed 1-mile run or walk for *keiki* (children) and adults. In light of the 2023 Maui wildfires and their effect on the town of Lahaina's community and schools, race participants will have the option of designating their entry fees and/or donations to go to West Maui schools affected by the fires. Maui5k.org

♦ **March 8-10, 2024**

Honolulu Festival (O'ahu) — Celebrating its 28th anniversary in 2024, the Honolulu Festival is one of Hawai'i's premier cultural events. The three-day festival shares the rich, vibrant cultures of Hawai'i and its Pacific Rim neighbors with attendees through arts and entertainment, educational programs and activities, craft fairs, and a grand evening parade through Waikiki. The festival concludes with the colorful Nagaoka Fireworks show off Waikiki's beaches. HonoluluFestival.com

♦ **March 9, 2024**

29th Annual Kona Brewers Festival (island of Hawai'i) — An annual fundraising event celebrating local-made craft beer, this festival also throws in delicious cuisine, live music and the unique culture of Kailua-Kona. Festival attendees enjoy an array of craft beers from Hawai'i breweries alongside specialty brews from the continental U.S. and cuisine from island of Hawai'i restaurants and chefs. Attendees can also look forward to live music performances and the fest's main event: the Trash Fashion Show. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning January 16. KonaBrewersFestival.com

♦ **March 26, 2024**

Prince Kūhiō Day Celebration (Kaua'i) — Hawai'i's annual Prince Kūhiō Day holiday celebrates the life, accomplishments and birthday of Kingdom of Hawai'i Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole and his legacy promoting native Hawaiian culture and practices around the world. Visitors to this Kaua'i celebration are invited to participate in a day of fun educational and cultural activities the whole family will enjoy. PrinceKuhioDayCelebration.com

♦ **March 29-30, 2024**

32nd Annual Celebration of the Arts (Maui) — The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua's Celebration of the Arts is one of Hawai'i's premier arts and cultural festivals, and a celebration of Hawaiian culture and the spirit of *aloha*. Its upcoming 32nd annual edition will welcome more than 60 of the state's top artisans, educators, cultural practitioners, speakers and entertainers. Opening ceremonies include traditional Hawaiian *oli* (chants), with music and *hula* presented throughout the weekend. Hands-on art workshops, cultural demonstrations, local-made films, Hawaiian cultural panels, and live music and dance welcome attending visitors and residents with opportunities to personally connect with Hawaiian culture. KapaluaCelebrationoftheArts.com

♦ **March 29-31, 2024**

Kawaii Kon (O'ahu) — Kawaii Kon is a three-day convention celebrating Japanese anime (cartoons), manga (comics) and all facets of Japanese culture. Offering a variety of events and activities throughout its weekend schedule, Kawaii Kon is held annually at the Hawai'i Convention Center. KawaiiKon.com

♦ **March 31 - April 6, 2024**

Merrie Monarch Festival (Island of Hawai'i) — Celebrating its 61st year in 2024, the world's premier *hula* festival will again present the best *bālaui hula* (hula schools) from Hawai'i and the continental U.S. — honoring Hawai'i monarch King Kalākaua and his contributions to the revitalization of *hula*. Held at the Edith Kanaka'ole Multipurpose Stadium in Hilo, the weeklong celebration is highlighted by the prestigious, three-night Merrie Monarch Hula Competition, which is broadcast live on Hawai'i television and live-streamed globally at MerrieMonarch.com

APRIL 2024

♦ **April 4-6, 2024**

Kona Steel Guitar Festival (island of Hawai'i) — The second annual Kona Steel Guitar Festival will be held at the Outrigger Kona Resort and Spa in Keauhou. With entry free and open to the public, the concert event's highlights include a *ho'olaule'a* (celebration) featuring Hawaiian steel guitar masters; a Learn to Play workshop with hands-on steel guitar experience; open stage sessions featuring guest artists, performers and music groups from around the world and Hawai'i; *kani ka pila* jam sessions and a vintage steel guitar exhibit. KonaSteelGuitarFestival.com

- ◆ **April 7, 2024**
Lavaman Waikoloa Triathlon (island of Hawai'i) — The annual Lavaman Waikoloa Triathlon is comprised of a 10K run, 40K bike ride and 1.5K swim. Competitors swim in the waters of 'Anaeho'omalua Bay, bike ride through lava fields on the Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway and run throughout the Waikoloa resort area to a finish line on the beach. The Lavaman is open to individuals and relay teams of all abilities and ends with an awards party and beach barbeque alongside 'Anaeho'omalua Bay. LavamanTriathlon.com
- ◆ **April 14, 2024**
Kaua'i 'Ukulele Festival — World-class music festival that unites music enthusiasts globally to commemorate the transformative influence of music. This festival is situated in the heart of Līhu'e with ample complimentary parking available. The festival's roster showcases a diverse array of skilled local musicians, ranging from established to up-and-coming talents. HawaiiUkuleleFestival.com
- ◆ **April 14, 2024**
The Hapalua (O'ahu) — Hawai'i's largest half marathon, this 13.1-mile race begins and ends in Waikīkī, with runners enjoying scenic views as they take a loop course through Honolulu and up and around the slopes of Lē'ahi (Diamond Head State Monument) before ending at a Kapi'olani Park finish line. Runners completing The Hapalua receive a medal, fresh-made malasadas and shave ice! TheHapalua.com
- ◆ **April 18-20, 2024**
The 2024 Outrigger Big West Men's Volleyball Championship (O'ahu) — This three-day championship tournament will feature all six NCAA Big West conference squads competing on the campus of defending champions, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Rainbow Warriors. BigWest.org
- ◆ **April 20, 2024**
HapaSymphony Featuring Robert Cazimero (O'ahu) — Hawai'i musician Robert Cazimero will collaborate with the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra once again for this concert presenting his well-known songs alongside newer tunes. The concert by Grammy-nominee and 25-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano Hawai'i music award-winner Cazimero promises an evening of wonderful symphonic music from one of Hawaiian music's most iconic voices. MyHSO.org
- ◆ **April 20, 2024**
Kaua'i Brewers Festival (Kaua'i) — Join in for this fest's local-beer tasting, complimented by tasty bites, live music and yard-game tournaments, including Portuguese horseshoe, corn hole and water pong. The festival will feature more than 30 different beers and food from 10 island restaurants. KauaiBrewersFestival.com
- ◆ **April 20, 2024**
17th Annual Waimānalo Kanikapila (O'ahu) — This annual event honors Cyril Lani Pahinui and his father, Gabby Pahinui, two iconic figures in Hawaiian music, and celebrates the musical legacy of the Waimānalo community. Initiated by Cyril Pahinui in 2007, the Waimānalo Kanikapila is reminiscent of the musical gatherings from his childhood, attracting over 100 musicians and thousands of fans. The festival offers unforgettable performances and all-star jams by some of Hawai'i's greatest musicians. Support for the event is generated through the sale of t-shirts, available both at the event and online. GabbyPahinui.com

- ◆ **April 20, 2024**
28th Annual East Maui Taro Festival (Maui) — This annual celebration in Hāna pays tribute to kalo/taro, the essential sustenance of the Hawaiian community, featuring music, hula performances, food stalls offering taro-based dishes, and cultural demonstrations. TaroFestival.org
- ◆ **April 21, 2024**
Maui Marathon and Half Marathon (Maui) — The Maui Marathon is Hawai'i's longest consecutively-held running event and oldest marathon west of the Mississippi River. Runners can participate in a full marathon, half marathon, 10K, 5K or a newly added full marathon relay. The full marathon and marathon relay begin in Kahului and end on Maui's westside Kā'anapali resort area with scenic coastline views greeting runners along much of the course. MauiMarathon.com
- ◆ **April 25 – 28, 2024**
Aloha Market – A Taste of Hawai'i in SoHo (New York) — Shopify NYC's activation space in SoHo will transform into a celebration of Hawai'i and Lei Day (May Day in Hawai'i) with Aloha Market Powered by Mana Up, an immersive three-day pop-up event during Friday, April 26th through Sunday, 28th. Presented by worldwide e-commerce platform Shopify and Mana Up, an economic development initiative and accelerator program designed to grow local product companies and help them scale globally, Aloha Market will feature products from over 40 Hawai'i-based companies, plus events and activations from *lei*-making and food product tastings to live cooking demos and much more! Exclusive media event to take place on Thursday, April 25.
- ◆ **April 26-27, 2024**
11th Annual Big Island Chocolate Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Check out this festival for everything from chocolate cooking demos and a unique tequila and chocolate pairing event to a grand gala. The festival is presented by the Kona Cacao Association with a mission of promoting Hawai'i Island's cacao industry. All festival events happen at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. BigIslandChocolateFestival.com
- ◆ **April 27, 2024**
Waikiki SPAM JAM® (O'ahu) — The annual Waikiki SPAM JAM® celebrates Hawai'i's love for, of course, SPAM®, with local restaurants offering creative SPAM® dishes alongside special SPAM® merchandise and products from Hawai'i crafters. The event benefits Hawai'i Foodbank — the state's largest nonprofit feeding those in need — the Waikiki Community Center and the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawai'i. SpamJamHawaii.com

MAY 2024

- ◆ **TBC**
May Day Lei Contest (Kaua'i) — The Kaua'i Museum is presenting this year's 42nd Annual Walter and Irmalee Pomroy May Day Lei Contest at The Royal Sonesta Kauai Resort showcasing the beauty and intricacy of traditional Hawaiian *lei* making. Through their craft, master *lei* makers entering each year's contest share a skill perpetuated over years of Hawaiian culture and history. Attendees are invited to purchase the contest's *lei* in a silent auction. KauaiMuseum.org

♦ **May 1, 2024**

Lei Day Celebration (O'ahu) — As one of Hawai'i's most emblematic symbols of *aloha*, *lei* — and the crafting of *lei* — have been celebrated in the Hawaiian Islands on Lei Day since 1927. The City and County of Honolulu's official Lei Day event is held at Kapi'olani Park in Waikiki, honoring *lei* and the traditions surrounding it with festivities, including pageants and competitions for *lei* queen and the crafting of colorful, fragrant flower *lei*. HonoluluParks.com

♦ **May 11, 2024**

'Ahahui Kiwila Hawai'i O Mo'ikeha: Ka Moku O Manokalanipō Pā'ani Makahiki and May Day by the Bay (Kaua'i) — This community event at Wai'oli Beach Park in Hanalei features *mele* (music), *hula* (dance), cultural practitioners, Kaua'i-made products, a silent auction and 'ono (delicious) food. All of the above are celebrated with an aim of perpetuating Hawaiian culture and creating an authentic experience for visitors. Moikeha.org

♦ **May 13-16 2024**

AccesSurf's 2024 Hawaii Adaptive Surfing Championships (O'ahu) — Hawaii Adaptive Surfing Championships (HASC) brings together elite adaptive surfers from Hawai'i and around the world for competition at iconic Waikiki surf break Queens. Hosted by AccesSurf, the event enables individuals with disabilities through inclusive water programs. Competing surfers represent a high level of athleticism and dedication from around the world, joining to share their love of surfing with aloha. The competition includes a traditional Hawaiian blessing, a lei draping of Waikiki's Duke Kahanamoku statue, hula performances and more. AccesSurf.org

♦ **May 17-26, 2024**

Maui Classical Music Festival (Maui) — The annual Maui Classical Music Festival is inviting musicians from around the world for its 42nd season to create and showcase a wide-appeal music program spanning the Baroque period to 20th-century works. The festival's concert events are focused on enriching and educating attendees about the joys of chamber music by presenting celebrated musicians performing and perpetuating the classical music genre. MauiClassicalMusicFestival.org

♦ **May 18, 2024**

HapaSymphony Featuring Jake Shimabukuro (O'ahu) — For more than two decades, 'ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro has pushed the musical boundaries of the Hawai'i musical instrument. His energetic performances have resonated with audiences worldwide, showcasing his versatile 'ukulele renditions of Hawaiian music, Beatles classics and even classical compositions. Shimabukuro will join with the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra once again for this evening of contemporary symphonic music. MyHSO.org

♦ **May 19, 2024**

Honolulu Triathlon (O'ahu) — The Honolulu Triathlon is an Olympic-distance triathlon beginning and ending at Ala Moana Beach Park. It includes a 1,500m shoreline swim, 40K bicycle course along O'ahu's south shore and a 10K double-loop run ending at the park's Magic Island recreational area. HonoluluTriathlon.com

♦ **May 25, 2024**

Maui Matsuri Japanese Festival (Maui) — Maui Matsuri originated as a Japanese festival along Market Street in Wailuku, Maui, in May 1999, and remains the sole Japanese festival on the island. Organized entirely by volunteers, this year's event will take place at the UH Maui College Great Lawn, running from 3 pm to 9 pm. Attendees can anticipate complimentary entertainment, crafts, food booths and trucks, contests, craft activities, exhibits, giveaways, and a community obon dance. MauiMatsuri.com

♦ **May 26, 2024**

Lantern Floating Memorial (island of Hawai'i) — The Celebration of Life, commemorating its 20th anniversary, is the largest lantern floating event on Hawai'i Island. Taking place at Reeds Bay in Hilo, this community gathering is free to attend. Participants can join in honoring departed loved ones with heartfelt remembrance and love. The event features live music, bon dance, hula hālau performances, local food trucks and vendors, baked goods sales, and more. Notably, this year includes a Special Paddle Out Ceremony to show support for Maui. HawaiiCareChoices.org

JUNE 2024

♦ **June 1, 2024**

IRONMAN 70.3 Hawai'i Triathlon (island of Hawai'i) — A qualifying event for the October IRONMAN World Championship — also held on the island of Hawai'i — this Olympic-distance race is comprised of a 1.2-mile swim starting at beautiful Pauoa Bay, a 56-mile bike ride on the rolling hills and barren lava fields of the Kohala Coast, and a 13.1-mile run through the scenic grounds of Mauna Lani Golf Course. Ironman.com

♦ **June 2, 2024**

3rd Annual King Kamehameha's Awesome Athletes Inclusive Canoe Race (island of Hawai'i) — This event brings together The Arc of Hilo, OSMD Hawai'i (Operation Sammy Muscular Dystrophy), and 'Ohana Wa'a Laulima in a joint effort to organize an inclusive paddling event held in Hilo Bay. The goal is to create a safe and welcoming environment where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can engage in a culturally significant sporting activity. Together, these organizations seek to enhance activities and resources on Hawai'i Island for both locals and visitors. This event not only provides a platform for Awesome Athletes, but also allows the public to connect with Hawaiian culture in an exciting way. HilloCanoeRace.com

♦ **June 1, 2024**

Kaua'i Pride Parade and Festival (Kaua'i) — Kaua'i Pride Parade is a family-friendly event promoting and celebrating peace, acceptance and unity for everyone on island. Join the parade route from Vidinha Stadium to the Front Lawn of the Kaua'i County Building, then gather on the lawn with the community for a family-friendly festival filled with entertainment, music, dance and more. KauaiPrideParade.com

♦ **June 6, 2024**

8th Annual World Whale Film Festival 2024 (Maui) — A non-profit dedicated to safeguarding the ocean and its inhabitants, the Pacific Whale Foundation calls upon filmmakers and artists to participate in the Annual World Whale Film Festival (WWFF), which serves as a platform to raise awareness about various ocean-related issues, including marine wildlife conservation, indigenous ecological knowledge, environmental stewardship, and solutions for ocean preservation and human well-being. In response to the Maui wildfires of 2023, the WWFF will introduce a new category focusing on climate change and natural disasters. PacificWhale.org

♦ **June 6-9, 2024**

Kapalua Wine and Food Festival (Maui) — One of Hawai'i's longest-running culinary festivals, the Kapalua Wine and Food Festival annually celebrates the delicious pairing of great food and great wine with a four-day culinary extravaganza. The festival's aim is to explore trends in the gastronomic world, bringing together winemakers, master sommeliers, chefs and industry insiders for themed tastings, seminars and gala evening culinary events. [KapaluaWineAndFoodFestival.com](https://www.kapaluafoodandwinefestival.com)

♦ **June 6-16, 2024**

13th Annual Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture (O'ahu) — The Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture (FestPAC) is the world's largest celebration of indigenous Pacific Islanders. For the first time, the 13th annual celebration will convene in Hawai'i on the island of O'ahu. More than 2,500 delegates including artists, cultural practitioners, scholars and officials from over 20 nations will gather on Oahu for 10-days of cultural exchange, appreciation and celebration at various venues across the island. The theme for FestPAC Hawai'i 2024 is "Ho'oulu Lāhui: Regenerating Oceania," honoring the traditions that FestPAC works to perpetuate with an eye toward the future. FestPAC serves as a platform for Pacific Island nations to showcase their rich heritage and artistic talents. [FestPacHawaii.org](https://www.festpac.org)

♦ **June 7-8, 2024**

Kaua'i Songwriters Music Festival (Kaua'i) — The Kaua'i Songwriters Music Festival highlights the craft of songwriting and celebrates the talents of musicians. This event offers attendees a diverse selection of songwriters who showcase their work through workshops followed by a concert. For more details, visit [ArtsKauai.org](https://www.artskauai.org).

♦ **June 7-9, 2024**

Hawai'i Kuauili Pacific and Asia Cultural Festival (island of Hawai'i) — The seventh-annual edition of this three-day festival at the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Resort will spotlight the island of Hawai'i and its significance as a cultural melting pot. Attendees enjoy *'ono* (delicious) food, fashion, cultural expressions, a *bula hō'ike* (dance show), a fireknife competition, a festival culinary event and more. [HIKuauili.com](https://www.hikuauili.com)

♦ **June 7-9, 2024**

41st Annual Pan-Pacific Festival (O'ahu) — After a five-year hiatus, the Pan-Pacific Festival Foundation is thrilled to announce the return of the festival to Honolulu. The Pan-Pacific Festival began in Hawai'i in 1980 as a cultural exchange between the state and Japan. Visiting participants from Japan were invited to enjoy the familiarity of Japanese music, crafts, traditions and foods, while Hawai'i residents and other visitors were offered opportunities to gain a deeper appreciation of Japanese sensibilities and cultural heritage. Today, the festival features events held throughout Waikīkī showcasing Japan's pageantry and includes a ho'olaule'a (celebration) block party, art fair and hula performances, culminating with a grand parade on Waikīkī main street Kalākaua Avenue. [PanPacificFestival.org](https://www.panpacificfestival.org)

♦ **June 8, 2024**

Ka'ū Coffee Festival (island of Hawai'i) — Though coffee had been farmed in the island of Hawai'i's Ka'ū district for generations dating back to the 1800s, the area's beans and roasters only began earning notice on the global specialty-coffee scene in the early 2000s, winning numerous international awards. Held each spring, the Ka'ū Coffee Festival celebrates the district's now firm standing as a world-class coffee-growing region and honors the farmers, roasters, gatherers and rich agricultural landscape that have all played a role in its renown. [KauCoffeeFestival.com](https://www.kaucoffeefestival.com)

♦ **June 11, 2024**

King Kamehameha Day Celebrations (Statewide) — Celebrated across the state of Hawai‘i on June 11, the Kamehameha Day holiday honors Kamehameha I, the island of Hawai‘i chief who united the Hawaiian Islands under his rule in 1810. Festivities happen on Kaua‘i, O‘ahu, Maui, Moloka‘i and the island of Hawai‘i and include *lei* draping ceremonies, parades, *pā‘ū* (skirted) horseback riders representing the Hawaiian royal court, food and family-friendly activities for residents and visitors. [Hawaii.gov/Kamehameha](https://hawaii.gov/kamehameha)

♦ **June 21-22, 2024**

Soto Zen Bon Festival (Kaua‘i) — The Soto Zen Bon Festival on Kaua‘i celebrates the rich bon dance culture of Hawai‘i, passed down through generations in the Japanese American community. This event not only educates visitors but also fosters a deeper connection to heritage for those of Japanese ancestry. Held at the Soto Zen temple grounds, the festival highlights Hawai‘i’s diverse heritage, including its plantation history, and offers a mix of flavors from various local cultures. Cultural performances, historical exhibits, food, and game booths enhance the experience, inviting guests to honor and remember their loved ones while enjoying the festivities. KauaiSotoZen.org

♦ **TBC**

Maui Film Festival (Maui) — The Maui film community honors some of cinema’s brightest and best talents at this annual film-celebrating event. For its 2024 edition, the festival will present a hybrid schedule including an in-person Stardust Cinema as well as an array of virtual-cinema feature film premieres spotlighting diverse storytellers from Hawai‘i and around the world. MauiFilmFestival.com

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Special Note to Media:

Hawai‘i Tourism United States (HTUSA), managed by the Hawai‘i Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB), recognizes the use of the *‘okina* [ʻ] or glottal stop, one of the eight consonants of the (modern) Hawaiian language; and the *kabakō* [ā] or macron (e.g., in place names of Hawai‘i, such as Lāna‘i). However, HTUSA respects the individual use of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.

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