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Winners of Lahaina Cannery Mall's Ice Sculpting Competition announced

Maui artist Darren Ho takes top prize among international group

Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii – The competition was fierce as ice artists from Japan and Hawaii went head-to-head Sunday at Lahaina Cannery Mall's 2008 International Ice Sculpting Competition. When the ice chips finished flying, it was Maui's own Darren Ho who took top honors, receiving a check for \$1,000, his name engraved on the event's perpetual trophy, and a place in Lahaina Cannery Mall lore.

Ho's towering creation incorporated a series of shells, dolphins and pineapples. The victory marked an unprecedented fifth win for Ho at the competition, who took top honors in 1993, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Runner-up honors went to Naoyuki Takasawa from Sapporo, Japan, who sculpted an underwater scene of fish and coral and took home \$500.

The "carver's choice" award, as decided by the artists, went to Hideo Fujiyama from Tokyo, Japan, whose finished piece included bright-red roses carved into the ice. Fujiyama donated his \$100 prize to a Maui charity.

The two-day, Lahaina Cannery Mall event is the only one of its kind in Hawaii and included a freestyle ice-carving exhibition on Saturday.

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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