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February begins with a bang at Lahaina Cannery Mall

Firecrackers, dancing lions and martial arts masters kick off "The Year of the Rat"

Lahaina, Hawaii – Lahaina Cannery Mall kicks off Chinese New Year with martial arts, firecrackers and the traditional "feeding of the lions" on Saturday, February 9, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This cultural experience, led by the enigmatic Au's Shaolin Arts Society, will usher in "The Year of the Rat" for Westside residents.

"The most exciting part of Chinese Lion Dancing is the enthusiasm that the audience shows while participating in what is called 'feeding the lions'," said Ben Seng Au, director and chief instructor of the Oahu-based group. "People young and old enjoy getting 'bit' for their own personal good fortune."

This family-friendly event, which follows Saturday's regular 1 p.m. keiki hula performance, is free.

Lahaina Cannery Mall continues its free hula series in February, with performances at center stage of the air-conditioned complex every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., and at 1 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

Also at Lahaina Cannery Mall this month:

Saturday, February 2

12 p.m.

Dr. Seuss' "The Seussical" as performed by the Maui Preparatory middle school

6 p.m.

Lahainaluna High School Prom Fashion Show

Saturday, February 16

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Silent auction for Children of the Rainbow Nursery and Preschool

12 p.m.

Miss Maui Scholarship Pageant

Every Saturday

- Maui Toy Works Yu-Gi-Oh card session 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Every Sunday

- Maui Toy Works Yo-Yo/Skill toys workshop and demonstration, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Line Dancing by Maui Paniolo Posse, lessons at 6:30 p.m.; line dancing 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Celebrating 20 years of historic shopping, Lahaina Cannery Mall is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. More than 50 boutiques, restaurants and specialty shops welcome visitors and residents to Maui's only fully enclosed, air-conditioned shopping complex.

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