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## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Keiki Hula Festival comes to 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 tenth-annual Keiki Hula Festival, July 26 and 27, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This free, two-day event will feature seven 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.

Halau will take the stage every-other hour beginning at 11 a.m. with the last performance at 5 p.m. A free concert featuring Na Hoku award-winning slack-key artist Owana Salazar will close out the weekend event on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The weekend celebration will also feature Hawaiian artisans and crafters demonstrating lei making, wood carving and other traditional skills. Other special events in July include:

### **Wednesday, July 2**

3 p.m. Made up of talented high school students from across the Dallas/Fort Worth area, the **First Baptist Dallas Chapel Choir and Orchestra** performs as part of its "Hawaii '08 Chapel Tour."

### **Saturday, July 5**

2 p.m. The Na Hoku-nominated Maui artist **Kawika Regidor** performs songs from his latest release, "Growing Up."

### **Sunday, July 6**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Maui Toy Works** grand reopening with games, kite making, magic and contests.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Book signing at Borders Express with author **Rachel Ellen Zangrillo** featuring her latest collection of poetry, "Treasures of Life: Everyday Poems."

### **Sunday, July 20**

12 p.m. Performance by slack-key king **Henry Allen** and the **Henry Allen Trio**, followed by a signing of Allen's new book "How To Play the Hawaiian Steel Guitar" at Borders Express (1 p.m.).

**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.
- Line dancing by Maui Paniolo Posse
  - 6:30 p.m. - Lessons
  - 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Line dancing

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](http://www.lahainacannery.com).

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*Photo attached (additional photos available upon request):*

Keiki from Te Tiare Patitifa perform 'auana (modern) hula at Lahaina Cannery Mall during the 2007 Keiki Hula Festival. This year's event will take place July 26 and 27, with a closing concert from slack-key artist Owana Salazar.