

## First Friday with the Pacific Fleet Rock Band

Friday, September 7, 2012



Pacific Fleet Rock Band

The Pacific Fleet Rock Band debuts at the historic No. 1 Capitol Building with audience favorites for September's First Friday celebrations. The band is comprised of 10 superb musicians who combine their talents to entertain audiences around the islands and around the world while representing the United States Pacific Fleet. Friday's set list includes songs from Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole, Jason Mraz, Van Morrison, Eddie Floyd and even Lady Gaga.

Fittingly, the Hawai'i State Art Museum is the site of the former Armed Services YMCA. "To have our Navy's Pacific Fleet Band perform in a historic building that was once home to our military during the Pacific War makes this First Friday concert even more significant," said Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

"We are indeed excited about this incredible venue," said band member MU1 Joseph Muzika. Based at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam here on Oahu, the Fleet performs around the Pacific, including at the recent Pacific Friendship gathering in Indonesia.

Members presently participating in the Pacific Fleet Rock Band are as follows: MUC Richard Lindberg; MU1 Joseph Muzika; MU1 Justin Skorupa; MU2 Selina Gentkowski; MU2 Paul O. Collet; MU2 Trevor Shifflett; MU3 Evertt Cencich; MU3 Doug Plander; MU3 Jared Pruitt; MU3 Tyler Sharp; MUSN Jason Andrews.

Galleries are open from 6 to 8:45 p.m. on First Friday. As the museum's supply of chairs are limited, low folding chairs and mats are recommended at the second floor open courtyard, which overlooks the newly opened Sculpture Garden. Don't miss this special treat!

## SEPTEMBER FREE EVENTS AT HISAM

The public is invited to these free events for September 2012 to be held at the Hawai'i State Art Museum in the No.1 Capitol District Building at 250 South Hotel Street in downtown Honolulu. See feature stories and photos of these events in this eNewsletter.

### First Friday Pacific Fleet Rock Band Friday, September 7, 2012 6-9 p.m.

Ten members strong, the Pacific Fleet Rock Band debuts at the historic No. 1 Capitol Building with audience favorites for First Friday celebrations.

### Second Saturday Got BIKE? Print Your Own Spoke Card with the Honolulu Printmakers Saturday, September 8, 2012 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join the Honolulu Printmakers for a fun day of printing. Block print your own spoke card on reused poster paper, go green!

### Art Lunch Lei-maker Boris Huang Shares His Lei Hulu Journey Tuesday, September 25, 2012 12-1 p.m.

An apprentice of the late Hawaiian Feather Lei Master Aunty Mary Lou Kekuewa, Boris Huang talks story about his original lei hulu creations and demonstrates techniques using different colored feathers.

# Second Saturday: Got BIKE? Print Your Own Spoke Card with the Honolulu Printmakers

Saturday, September 8, 2012 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

The Honolulu Printmakers will be on hand for a fun day of printing at the museum. The Printmakers will have plates ready for you to block print your own spoke card for your bicycle. And—the paper's re-used! We will be printing our spoke cards on bus posters about bicycling! Go GREEN!

Gallery Hours for the museum are 10 am to 4 pm. The hands-on art activities are free and open to the public from 11 am to 3 pm while supplies last.

Downtown streets aren't crowded on the weekend, so walk, bike, take The Bus or drive to HiSAM on Second Saturday (\$3 flat-rate parking across the street at Ali'i Place; enter at 1099 Alakea St. Free parking available at City & County underground lot at Beretania and Alapai).

*Come see—it's your art!*



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# Art Lunch: Traditional, Contemporary, and Personal: Lei-maker Boris Huang Shares His Lei Hulu Journey

Tuesday, September 25, 2012, Noon – 1 p.m., Free

An apprentice of the late and highly renowned Hawaiian Feather Lei Master Aunty Mary Lou Kekuewa, Boris Huang creates original lei hulu patterns in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary. A native of Taiwan, Boris has deep gratitude for the opportunity to share his skills perpetuating this ancient Hawaiian tradition.



Boris Huang

This presentation will feature demonstrations of techniques using different colored feathers, (both dyed and natural) from various types of bird (such as goose, pheasant, duck and peacock). Boris will take you on a journey of Hawaiian feather art from the past through the present. His intent is to use his feather lei making skills to contribute to raising awareness of Hawaiian feather art, as well as to promote the status of the lei within and beyond its cultural background, and forward into the future.

Boris' lei hulu have appeared in fundraising events for organizations such as the Hawaii Theatre Center, Manoa Valley Theatre, Temari - Center for Asian

and Pacific Arts, Halau Na Kamalei, the Honolulu Symphony, the fundraiser for artist Peggy Chun, and many more. Pieces to be presented as awards have been created for many organizations, including the Hawaii Education Association, Manoa Valley Theatre, Wells Fargo & Co., Goodwill Industries of Hawaii Inc., Hawaii Tourism Authority, Waikiki Community Center, and the Kamehameha Schools.

Boris has received many awards and has participated in a number of public events and juried exhibitions. His work is represented in the HSFC's Art in Public Places Collection and in private collections as well.



Lei Poepoe, Lei Kamoe, Lei Popoe



Lei Kamoe



Heavenly Accomplishment (Lei Kamoe)

## Join the Friends of HiSAM

We invite you to join the Friends of the Hawai'i State Art Museum (HiSAM). By simply joining, you can help maintain a free, public institution dedicated to the art and people of Hawai'i. You can join by phone by calling 536-2644, or you can download an application form by clicking on [Friends of HiSAM Application Form](#).

## Community News: Okinawan dance residency in Hawai'i

Okinawan dance students in Hawai'i were able to learn from Okinawan visiting artist Chinen Sekiyu sensei in a three-week residency from July 10 through August 1. The residency was sponsored by one of our own Okinawan dance schools, Jimpu Kai Kin Ryosho Ryukyu Geino Kenkyusho Hawaii Shibu. Cheryl Yoshie

Nakasone is the school's teacher, who has previously received HSFCA Apprenticeship grants to train the next generation of Okinawan dance teachers in Hawai'i. For this residency, lecture-demonstrations were held at the UH Manoa Music Department, Hawaii Okinawa Center, Jikoen Hongwanji, Aina Haina Library, Maui Okinawa

Kenjin Kai in Wailuku, Maui and in Hilo. In addition, Jimpu Kai students took daily classes with Chinen sensei at the School's studio. Committed to sharing with the community, a small group of her students traveled to Lihue earlier in 2012 to conduct an Okinawan dance outreach under the auspices of our Living Heritage Series program.



Okinawan dance visiting artist Chinen Sekiyu sensei presents lecture-demonstration. (Photo courtesy of Jimpu Kai USA)

## Community News: The Hawaiian Room— Dine, Dance, Romance, The Lexington

The Hula Preservation Society and the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts celebrate the 75th anniversary of The Hawaiian Room with "The Hawaiian Room: Dine, Dance, Romance, The Lexington." This multi-media exhibit features photographs, newspaper clippings, and oral history video segments culled from the archives of the musicians and hula practitioners who made New York City their home while performing at the Hotel Lexington. Opening in 1937, The Hawaiian Room featured prominent Hawaiian musicians and rapidly grew to include hula practitioners, many of whom also choreographed and produced the show performances.

The exhibit is open from August

27 through September 21, 2012 on the third floor of Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street, Honolulu. Visit during regular business hours from Monday through Friday, 7:45am to 4:30pm.

On Saturday September 15th during the 6th annual [Distinctive Women in Hawaiian History Program](#) at Mission Memorial Auditorium, the Hawaiian Room will be featured along with talk-story and hula from "Hawaiian Room Stars" from 2:25-3:20pm.

The Hula Preservation Society preserves and perpetuates the art of hula by documenting the lives and contributions of kupuna and through its educational projects and programs.



# Community Events



Hon Chew Hee installation in the HISAM Sculpture Garden

**O**The Hawai'i State Art Museum was honored to be a part of the Hon Chew Hee Celebration on August 18, 2012. Dr. Caroline Hee, Eric Chandler, and Takeo Kobayashi presented a dinner and fashion show inspired by the work of Caroline's father, Hon Chew Hee, who is well represented in the Art in Public Places Collection. Five beautiful models circled the

Sculpture Garden showcasing creations from Couture of Hawai'i. Many public figures attended the festivities, as well as Governor Neil Abercrombie who issued a proclamation declaring August 18, 2012 as "Hon Chew Hee Day". The fashion show wrapped up with dinner in the Café. It was an exceptional event in honor of an exceptional artist.



## Geoffrey Sledge and Michele Tang

A big wish for Double Happiness goes out to newlyweds Geoffrey Sledge and Michele Tang! Geoffrey and Michele were joined together on our Front Lawn underneath the monkeypod trees and the beautiful Honolulu skies. As an added attraction, Michele's mother danced with her hula sisters in the Sculpture Lobby during the cocktail hour. Outstanding entertainment from the bride's mother, the guests went wild!

## A VERY BIG MAHALO GOES OUT TO ALL OF OUR HISAM VOLUNTEERS!

Without your help, our public programs and special events would not be possible. Thank you so much!