

The Peace Center

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The Month of January is dedicated to Queen Liliuokalani and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

They were people of peace whose lives were notably lacking in peace. She - a deposed Queen - he - an embattled young minister! The Queen that would not shed one drop of her people's blood to save a nation and the young minister, whose philosophy of non-violence won him a Nobel peace prize. Their time and place on this earth did not overlap, but their scars came from the same source.

They were prisoners. Their prisons were not the same, his the cold wet cells of Southern jails. Hers the stark emptiness of an upstairs room closed off from the outside world, in the palace. Stripped of their dignity, stripped of their "somebodyness". Managing to retain their spiritual being while imprisoned they inspired nations, gave hope to their people, wrote, beautiful songs, long letters, thought long thoughts and prayed long prayers. The product of these imprisonments has brought us here.

First Friday- January 4, 2008

"The Mayor's Inaugural Block Party"

On Friday, January 2 - 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Pauahi Street between Nuuanu Ave. and Bethel St.

2009 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

HONOLULU: JANUARY 2, 2009 -- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition-Hawai`i reminds the community that time grows short should you want your organization represented as a group in the Monday, January 19, 2009, parade or to be a vendor at the post-parade celebration in Kapiolani Park. The parade application is online at <http://mlk-hawaii.com/apps.php> and the vendor's application for the rally is at www.mlk-hawaii.com/vendorltr.htm Completed applications may be Faxed to Parade Chair Bill Rushing at @ 988-1777 (Oahu) or email to rushingsr@juno.com Phone Bill with questions at 741-4038.

Celebrating our 21st year since Hawai`i legally established the holiday, our MLK Day parade is truly "the people's parade." We have no staff, only a small group of

volunteers working with little budget, and so our success is due to the combined volunteer support of our local community and its rainbow of organizations.

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF 2008 CELEBRATION EVENTS

Friday, January 16, 2009 NOON at Iolani Palace – Royal Hawaiian Band Concert dedicated to Queen Liliuokalani and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 18th, 2009; 5:30 pm -- The Annual Candlelight Nagasaki Peace Bell Ringing Ceremony on the Civic Center grounds of Honolulu Hale; Lauhala and Beretania Streets.

Monday, January 19, 2009; 9:00 am -- THE 20th ANNUAL PARADE will begin to move down Kalakaua Avenue with a post-parade Unity Rally at Kapiolani Park (approximately 10 am) with food, entertainment, community booths, and other vendors. Our parade begins at Magic Island with the formation of organizations @ 7:30 a.m. The parade travels thru Waikiki to Kapiolani Park and the Unity Celebration, with its food, community booths and camaraderie. An estimated 5000 people attended the 2008 post-parade Unity Rally and celebration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON LINE AT:

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A First Friday, New Years Block Party!!
"The Mayor's Inaugural Block Party"

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(Honolulu, Hawaii, December 29, 2008) –The Arts District Merchants Association along with the Honolulu Culture and Arts District Association, and the City & County of Honolulu are co-sponsoring "The Mayor's Inaugural Block Party to be held on Pauahi St., at 7pm between Bethel and Nuuanu, immediately following the inauguration and reception. The Second Inauguration of Mayor Mufi Hannemann will be held at the Hawaii Theatre on January 2nd, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

- The celebration falls on the 100th anniversary of the City & County of Honolulu and the municipality's first chief executive, Joseph Fern.

Chinatown and the Arts District will ring in the 2009 New Year with the neighborhood's distinctive flair. Mayor Hannemann's 5:00pm Inauguration at Hawaii Theatre presented the Arts District with an opportunity to have a party at the epicenter of First Friday. On First Friday, January 2 organizers will place a stage on Pauahi Street, between Hawaii Theatre and the ARTS at Marks Garage, and bring in live entertainment that combines First Friday energy with the Mayor's Inauguration. **Fern Elementary Choir, Iolani School's Hula Halau** and **Augie T** will kick off the event, followed by **SoulZ** and **FIJI** at 8:00. In addition to the activities on the street, Hawaii Craftsman will stage a fundraiser inside the ARTS at Marks Garage so that attendees can enjoy the street entertainment with a glass of wine in hand or another refreshment.

Fern Elementary School's namesake is Joseph Fern, the first Mayor of Honolulu. The organizers thought that Fern School's participation would be especially appropriate on the centennial of the election of the municipality's first chief executive (not to mention that Mayor Hannemann also attended the school). No event in Hawaii would be complete without a hula performance and Iolani School's Hula Halau (Mayor Hannemann's alma mater) graciously offered to join the event. And Augie T, SoulZ and FIJI are local fixtures in the entertainment scene. Everyone is invited to gather in Chinatown, with entertainment throughout the arts district, buy a drink to support the ARTS at Marks Garage, celebrate in Mayor Hannemann's Inauguration and participate in Honolulu's most vibrant arts and entertainment scene.

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