

New Chairperson for HSFCFA

Governor Abercrombie has appointed Barbara Saromines-Ganne as the new Chairperson of the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission effective July 20, 2011. Ms. Saromines-Ganne, who was sworn in as a commissioner on the same day, represents O'ahu Island and resides in Honolulu. She succeeds Mary Begier, whose engaging vision and leadership inspired HSFCFA commissioners and staff during a time of fiscal constraints.



Commissioner Swearing In on July 20th (From L to R: HSFCFA Exec. Director Ronald Yamakawa; Deputy Comptroller Jan Gouveia; new HSFCFA chair Barbara Saromines-Ganne; Governor Neil Abercrombie)

"As an educator, I hope to bring my expertise in the arts and arts education to help promote learning and cultural access through programs like ArtBento that bring students to the Hawai'i State Art Museum, as well as through HSFCFA initiatives that reach out into communities across all islands such as Artists in the Schools, Artists in Residence, and many Biennium Grants-supported projects," said Ms. Saromines-Ganne. As chair, she'll be a strong voice in support of arts education statewide.

"I sincerely believe in the arts as

being essential to every human being – regardless of the diversity of our backgrounds – and I hope to be highly visible in the art community as a Commissioner," Ms. Saromines-Ganne continued. "I am also especially interested in programs that enhance and expand our unique Hawaiian cultural heritage."

With over four decades as a professor of Art and Art History at Leeward Community College, Ms. Saromines-Ganne has been a staunch advocate for arts education in Hawai'i. She served six years

as Chair of the Arts and Humanities Division. An early proponent of online education in the visual arts, Ms. Saromines-Ganne has also demonstrated the value of cultural heritage tourism through Great Museums, her popular summer study tours to Europe. She remains active as a guest lecturer in the fields of Asian and European art.

"Making sure that public funds are used responsibly and effectively is also key. The State Foundation must be creative in forming private/public partnerships to raise money and other support for the programs we sponsor," commented Ms. Saromines-Ganne. "By staying in close contact with artists, educators, as well as businesses and entrepreneurs who are in a position to help nurture the arts, I hope to be an effective spokesperson with a clear commitment to serving HSFCFA in every capacity."

AUGUST FREE EVENTS AT HISAM

The public is invited to these free events for August 2011 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 newsletter. For more information, visit www.hawaii.gov/sfca.

Live from the Lawn Aerial Romance First Friday, August 5, 2011 6-9 p.m.

Live from the Lawn presents Aerial Romance, a breathtaking showcase of the acrobatic artistry of Samadhi Hawaii in collaboration with musicians Jeff Peterson & his trio, ukulele wunderkind Taimane Gardner, and chanteuse Starr Kalahiki. Also sharing the stage is Kuana Torres Kahele.

Second Saturday Clay Play with the Hawaii Potters' Guild Saturday, August 13, 2011 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Get hands-on with the Hawaii Potters' Guild. Sculpt fish and other sea creatures, learn how to use the potter's wheel with a professional potter, and construct a miniature clay village!

Art Lunch Donald Kauli'a Ki ho'alu, Slack Key Guitar Lunch Hour Tuesday, August 30, 2011 12-1 p.m.

Ki ho'alu Slack Key Guitar master teacher Donald Kauli'a will lead an interactive demonstration and share insights into the history and evolution of one of our islands' most beloved art forms.

First Friday – Aerial Romance

Friday, August 5, 2011, 6-9 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

Join us on August 5th for Live from the Lawn on First Fridays as the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the Friends of the Hawai'i State Art Museum present Aerial Romance, featuring the acrobatic artistry of Samadhi Hawaii. Suspended from the monkeypod trees on the front lawn, Samadhi's aerial dancers will perform high-flying choreography inspired by the stories of the Hawaiian islands.

Slack key master guitarist Jeff Peterson and his trio accompany the aerialists, joined by ukulele virtuoso Taimane Gardner and chanteuse Starr Kalahiki. Musical selections have been carefully coordinated with Samadhi to heighten the choreography's effect. This much-anticipated annual show-

case introduces Samadhi's talented young students who will be fresh from an intensive aerial acrobatics course. Also gracing the lawn stage is Na Palapalai member and Hilo native, Kuana Torres Kahele, who will be performing original songs from his just-released solo album Kaunaloa.

All galleries of the Hawaii State Art Museum are open to the public during the event as well as the Showcase Hawaii museum shop. Food is available from Downtown@HiSAM and the following vendors on the Lawn: Soul Patrol, India Cafe, Le Crepe Café, Onopops, Kettle Corn Hawaii and Roots of Hawaii. This event is produced by Tim Bostock Productions and supported by the Friends of HiSAM.



Aerial Romance – Aerial at HiSAM
(Credit: Carlton Abbas)



Aerial Romance – Samadhi Hawaii



Jeff Peterson



Kuana Torres Kahele



Taimane Gardner (Credit: Joe Marquez)



Starr Kalahiki

Save the Date: New Exhibition Opening on Friday September 9th Ledward Kaapana as featured musical guest

Save the date for the opening of two new art exhibitions on September 9th – **ACCESSION: Recent Acquisitions from the Art in Public Places Collection** on view through July 21, 2012, and **GIFTED: Donated Works of Art from the Art in Public Places Collection** on view through January 21, 2012. Please note that the Diamond Head Gallery is closed for installation in the month of August.

The public is invited to the gallery opening on Friday September 9th, which will feature a special performance by National Heritage Fellow **Ledward Kaapana**. Honored by the National Endowment for the Arts for his excellence in ukulele and slack key guitar, Ledward Kaapana has also been recognized by the HSFCA as a master teacher of the Kalapana style of Ki ho‘alu. The Friends of HiSAM will host a members recep-

tion on Thursday September 8th 2011. **ACCESSION** and **GIFTED** highlight extraordinary recent purchases and gifts demonstrating the exceptional work collected by the Hawai‘i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts over the past four decades. With over 5,000 pieces, the Art in Public Places Collection is recognized as one of the most significant collections of late twentieth and early twenty-first century art in Hawai‘i.



To Ancient Hawaiians Breadfruit Symbolized Life & Renewal by Patti Gallagher-Jones



Narrow Means by Tony Tucker



Untitled by Jan Peter Stern

Two New Exhibitions at Hawai‘i State Art Museum:

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September 9, 2011 – July 21, 2012

GIFTED: Donated Works of Art from the Art in Public Places Collection
September 9, 2011 – January 21, 2012

Art Lunch Lecture – Ki ho’alu, Slack Key Guitar Lunch Hour with Donald Kauli’a

Tuesday, August 30, 2011, 12-1 p.m., Hawai’i State Art Museum, Free

Listen, observe, learn and enjoy some of the Ki ho’alu Slack Key guitar styles of Donald Kauli’a during your lunch break at the HiSAM. Watch an interactive demonstration of “the 10-minute technique” for learning to play and hear about the history and evolution of this island art form.

Donald Kauli’a is a 2010/2011 grant recipient of a HSFCA Teacher Apprenticeship through the Folk and Traditional Arts Program. He mentors 17 year old Kealekehe High School student Joseph Hing. [You can watch them online here.](#) A 2009 Grammy Nominee and recipient of a 2009 Na Hoku Hanohano Award for Slack Key Kings II, Donald has been teaching slack key since 1996. First teaching at his home on Maui, he now has a slack key academy on the Big Island at the Kona International Market and in Waimea at the Parker Ranch Mall. Every year he spends four months teaching Ki ho’alu to exchange students of Cornell University as part of their cultural learning curriculum.



Donald Kauli’a (Credit: Bill Adams - [MomentsNow.com](#))

HiSAM Facilities Rental Program

Hold Your Special Event or Party at the Hawai’i State Art Museum

The Hawai’i State Art Museum is available for rentals for special events and parties. The rental options include: Option 1 - Front Lawn, Option 2 - Second Floor Courtyard, or Option 3 - Front Lawn and Second Floor Courtyard.

The rental brochure is available for download here [HiSAM Rental Program Brochure](#). Anyone interested in renting the facilities August request a HiSAM Rental Information Packet which contains a Rental Handbook, Rental Request Form, and HiSAM brochure.

For more information or to request the packet, contact the HiSAM Visitor Services Manager via email at hisamrentals@gmail.com or call 586-9959.



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](#).

Showcase Hawaii

Visit Showcase Hawaii, the museum gift store. The store features Hawai’i-made art, gifts, and goodies. It’s the perfect place to find a unique gift for that special someone. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On First Friday, Showcase Hawaii opens again from 6 to 9 p.m. and is on the ground floor of the Hawaii State Art Museum

Second Saturday – Clay Play with the Hawaii Potters' Guild

Saturday August 13, 2011, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

Join the Hawaii Potters' Guild to sculpt fish and other sea creatures to take home, make a medallion with Hawaiiana stamps, help build a miniature village out of clay, and learn how to use the potter's wheel with a professional potter!

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!



Learning to throw on the wheel

Volunteers help out in the Art in Public Places Program

Three volunteers are assisting Art in Public Places staff in various tasks, gaining experience that prepares them for careers in the museum and art fields. This month, we'd like



Chung Min Oh

you to meet Chung Min Oh.

Born in Korea, Chung Min Oh moved to Hawai'i when he was very young, and thus considers himself to be "pretty much a local boy who loves to surf and hit the beach." He recently graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa with a Bachelor of Art degree in Art History.

He plans on graduate study in Museum Studies, most likely in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he intends

to specialize in the curatorial field. In addition to volunteering at SFCA, he interns at Bishop Museum and is assisting in the preparation of exhibits at both institutions.

In addition to surfing, Chung's hobbies include playing music, photography, reading any book that he finds interesting, playing basketball, and watching movies. He loves meeting people and learning new things. Most importantly, he enjoys having lots of laughs.

HiSAM Volunteer Opportunities

Help our visitors enjoy our museum! We need enthusiastic, outgoing people to assist museum visitors and help them learn about our current exhibitions. We encourage you to volunteer if you have an interest or background in the arts and care about our Hawai'i community.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Gallery Attendant – Assist visitors in the galleries.

Information Desk Attendant – Greet visitors.

Docent – Conduct tours of art exhibitions.

Education Assistant – Help with education programs.

Special Events Assistant – Assist staff with events.

To apply, download the [volunteer application form](#), call 586-9959 or email hisamvolunteers@gmail.com.