

## POETRY OUT LOUD: Hawai'i High School Students To Compete in National Recitation Contest

Poetry Out Loud is a national recitation contest that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through performance and competition for \$50,000 in cash and school stipends. This is the seventh year that the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and Honolulu Theatre for Youth have partnered to bring Poetry Out Loud to students here in Hawai'i.

Public and private high schools in Hawai'i are invited to hold

classroom and schoolwide contests during the fall semester, with each individual school's winner advancing to a state competition on March 18, 2012, in Honolulu. The Hawai'i state champion wins \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete at the National Finals for the \$20,000 grand prize. Participating schools receive free, standards-based curriculum materials for use including print anthologies and an audio CD featuring well-known actors and writers such as James Earl Jones, Anthony Hopkins, and Rita Dove.

Lea Di Marchi from Punahou School was selected as the 2011 Hawai'i Poetry Out Loud champion and represented the state in the 2011 National Finals. More than 365,000 students from 2,255 high schools took part in the 2010–2011 Poetry Out

Loud program.

"To memorize a great poem is to make a friend of it for life," said John Barr, President of the Poetry Foundation. "Poetry Out Loud brings new energy to an ancient art by returning it to the classrooms of America."

Poetry Out Loud seeks to foster the next generation of literary readers

by capitalizing on the latest trends in poetry - recitation and performance. Selecting a piece out of an anthology of 650 contemporary and

classical poems, students learn about their literary heritage while also mastering public speaking skills. The program builds on the resurgence of poetry as an oral art form, as seen in the slam poetry movement and the immense popularity of hip hop music among youth.

"Poetry Out Loud's growth demonstrates the program's importance as a forum for Hawaii's youth to explore their creative voices through the performing and literary arts," said Ronald Yamakawa, HSFCFA Executive Director.

High school teachers who wish to host official Poetry Out Loud events at their schools should contact the Honolulu Theatre for Youth. Call (808) 839-9885 ext. 704 or e-mail [edadmin@htyweb.org](mailto:edadmin@htyweb.org) for more information and resources. Poetry Out Loud program materials are available for download on the website, [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org).



## DECEMBER FREE EVENTS AT HISAM

The public is invited to these free events for December 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 eNewsletter.

**First Friday**  
**Friday, December 2, 2011**  
**6-9 p.m.**

HiSAM galleries will be open for First Friday, including the two latest exhibitions, "accessions: Recent Acquisitions from the Art and Public Places Collection" and "GIFTED: Donated Works of Art from the Art in Public Places Collection." Second Saturday

**Lauhala Hui and Kapa Artist**  
**Dalani Tanahy**  
**Saturday, December 10, 2011**  
**11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Learn to weave your own lauhala ornaments with the Lauhala Hui and go home with a keepsake treasure for your family. Sit with artist Dalani Tanahy as she shares her knowledge about kapa from seedling to finished work. Art Lunch

**Folk and Traditional Arts Master**  
**Teacher Frances Nakachi**  
**Tuesday, December 27, 2011**  
**12-1 p.m.**

HSFCA Folk and Traditional Arts Master Teacher Frances Nakachi and her apprentice Mina Tamashiro will share the music and dance of Okinawa and lead mini-lessons for participants.

# Second Saturday – Lauhala Hui and Kapa Artist Dalani Tanahy

Saturday, December 10, 2011,  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.,  
Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

Join the Lauhala Hui and kapa artist Dalani Tanahy for a festive day at the Hawai'i State Art Museum! Learn to weave your own ornaments and go home with a keepsake treasure you will enjoy for years. Learn all about kapa from seedling to finished work. View exquisite kapa in HiSAM's galleries and see masterful (and useful!) creations from the ladies of the Lauhala Hui.



Dalani Tanahy

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!



Dalani Tanahy working with friends



Lauhala Star

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## Join us for First Friday this December 2nd at the Hawai'i State Art Museum.

Forego the crowds and enjoy an alternate, quieter First Friday. Stroll leisurely through our Diamond Head, 'Ewa and Sculpture lobby Galleries. Hang out and relax in our Courtyard and watch the stars go by. Galleries will be open from 6:00 PM until 8:45 PM.

# Art Lunch Lecture: Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo Presents Okinawan Dance, Sharing Our Heartfelt Artistry

Tuesday, December 27, 2011, 12 Noon – 1 p.m., Free

The HSFCA Folk and Traditional Arts Master Teacher Frances Nakachi and her apprentice Mina Tamashiro of Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Hawai'i will share the music and dance of Okinawa.

Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo was established fifteen years ago in Hawai'i by

Frances Nakachi Sensei. She holds the highest level of teaching certification in Okinawan dance. She studied under the acclaimed grand dance masters Yoshiko Tanita Sensei and Mieko Kinjo Sensei in Okinawa who have been certified as National Intangible Cultural Assets by the Japanese government.

Frances and her students take great

pride in perpetuating the Okinawan culture in Hawai'i and sharing their passion in Okinawan dancing. Senjukai Hawaii offers children's classes for students from 3 to 12 year-olds and adult classes for students of all ages.

The Art Lunch audience will be invited to join in mini lessons of Okinawan dance. It's a celebration! Come join us!



Top left: Frances Nakachi; middle: Mina Tamashiro Performing Hama-chidori; above: Mina Tamashiro; left: Frances Nakachi Performing the Fan Dance Kagiyadefu.