

Hawai'i Convention Center Student Art Exhibition Opens

Ninety-six student-artists in grades K-6 were honored at the dedication ceremony of the 2011 Student Art Exhibition at the Hawai'i Convention Center on Sunday, May 1st. Caroline Anderson, of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, served as hostess and mistress of ceremonies. Ron Yamakawa and Joyce Bellino, DOE Assistant Superintendent welcomed and congratulated the student artists, their teachers and families. Members of the Nanakuli High and Intermediate School Performing Arts Center provided the entertainment.

All public and private schools were encouraged to participate in the 2011 Student Art Exhibition for students in grades K-6.

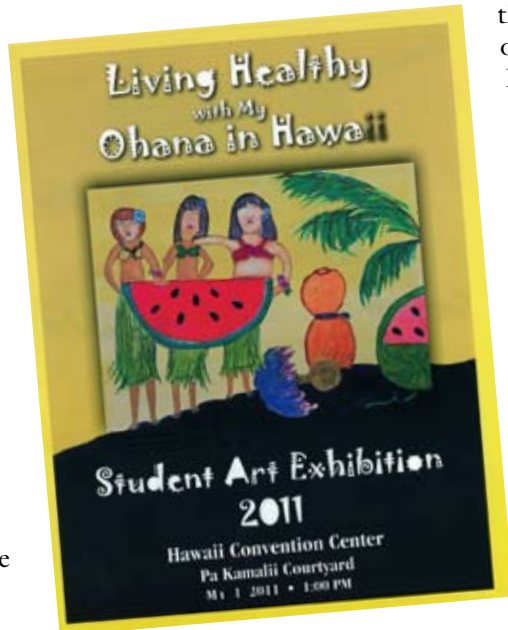
The theme, *Living Healthy with My Ohana in Hawaii*, encouraged students to express how they feel, see, or interpret their lifestyle in the islands.

The Hawai'i Convention Center Student Art Exhibition was established by the HSFCFA to provide opportuni-

ties for students to participate in a juried art competition and have their artworks exhibited at the Hawai'i Convention Center. Permanent display facilities were designed and constructed in the Pa Kamali'i Courtyard and a competitive annual exhibition was developed by the HSFCFA in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools and the Hawaii Convention Center.

The 2011 Student Art Exhibition will enable visitors to experience the common interests and diversity of Hawai'i through the art of its multicultural youth. The artworks will be on display

for one year and the public is welcome to view them. Free docent-guided tours are available at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays for groups of 10 or more. Tours are conducted by appointment only. To make reservations call the tour hotline at 943-3587.



MAY FREE EVENTS AT HISAM

The public is invited to these free events for May 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 Hawaiian Soul First Friday, May 6, 2011 6-9 p.m.

Guest emcee Frank B. Shaner presides over Live from the Lawn performances from Guy Cruz, Kapala, Dancers Unlimited, and Merrie Monarch fixture Halau Mohala 'Ilima. On the second floor, Live from the Lanai showcases Back Again and Family Dinner.

Second Saturday Capoeira Besouro with Mestre Kinha Saturday, May 14, 2011 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join Capoeira Besouro with Mestre Kinha for an introduction to the Brazilian performance art of capoeira (self-defense) accompanied with berimbau. Dance to the drum rhythms or make a capoeira puppet to take home.

Art Lunch Leland Miyano Art, Culture, & Social Responsibility Tuesday, May 31, 2011 12-1 p.m.

Artist, landscape designer and author Leland Miyano will discuss art, our changing culture, and social responsibility. Miyano's recent sculptures at the Kapolei Judiciary are highlighted in the ARchiTecture exhibit upstairs in the Diamond Head gallery.

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](#).

Live from the Lawn – *Hawaiian Soul*

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

Join us on First Friday as the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the Friends of the Hawai'i State Art Museum (HiSAM) present *Hawaiian Soul*, a celebration of our island spirit. Guest emcee Frank B. Shaner presides over Live from the Lawn performances from Guy Cruz, Kapala, Dancers Unlimited, and Merrie Monarch fixture Halau Mohala 'Ilima led by kumu hula Mapuana de Silva. Live from the Lanai includes the good-kine nostalgia of Back

Again and a funky musical feast provided by Family Dinner.

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 and Kettle Corn Hawaii. This event is produced by Tim Bostock Productions and supported by the Friends of HiSAM.



Guy Cruz



Family Dinner



Kapala



Dancers Unlimited



Kumu Hula De Silva

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Second Saturday –

Capoeira Besouro with Mestre Kinha

Saturday May 14, 2011, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

Join Capoeira Besouro with Mestre Kinha for an introduction to the Brazilian performance art of capoeira (self-defense) accompanied by the single-stringed berimbau. Let your



Mestre Kinha

feet try dancing to Brazilian drum rhythms! Make your own capoeira puppet to take home and braid a belt to use as you practice your capoeira moves!

Gallery hours for the Museum are 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. The hands-on art activities are free and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 Street. Free parking available at City & County underground lot at Beretania and Alapai.).

Come see—it's your art!



Capoeira Besouro

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.

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

Art Lunch Lecture – Leland Miyano on Art, Culture, and Social Responsibility

Tuesday, May 31, 2011, 12-1 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

Sculptor, landscape designer and author Leland Miyano will discuss art, our changing culture, and social responsibility as perceived through his own contemplative filter. Born and raised in Hawai'i, Miyano earned a fine arts degree at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and pursued sculpting in stone at the encouragement of renowned artist Isamu Noguchi.

An accidental encounter with cycads blossomed into a life-long interest in living ecologies, one nurtured by his mentor, landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx, and embodied in the ever-evolving garden at his Kahalu'u home. Miyano's works in sculpture and landscape design reflect nature's cycles of regeneration and contemporary environmental issues. National Poet Laureate W.S. Merwin wrote that "it is fortunate for all of us that his sculpture, with its representations of the irreplaceable life of these islands, is receiving some of the attention and honor it deserves."

Miyano's recent series of large basalt sculptures can be seen in Kapolei at the new Judiciary Building.



Sculpture at Kapolei Judiciary Center

His artistic process, which includes photographs of the installation and in-progress carvings, is showcased in HiSAM's *ARchiTecture* exhibition. Other notable landscape designs include The Contemporary Museum's lower gardens and an educational garden of Hawaiian native

and Polynesian-introduced plants at Bishop Museum. He is a recipient of the Honolulu Academy of Arts' Catharine E. B. Cox Award. Miyano's work continues to change as he strives to better reflect our contemporary culture and propel positive social evolution.



Sculpture at Kapolei Judiciary Center



Leland Miyano

An Artistic Collaboration: Hula & Kapa

In early 2010, a small group of kapa makers met to discuss a vision – make kapa for an entire halau hula, whose dancers would then perform wearing the kapa garments. It had been a dream of kumu kapa Marie MacDonald for a good twenty years, when she first showed her kapa workshop to Lynn Martin, former Folk Arts Coordinator of the Hawai‘i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts back in the 1980s. Marie recalled that “the seed was planted” during that site visit when Lynn said, “you have to attire a halau with kapa!”

Some two dozen kapa practitioners from around the state and one from



Kapa worn by Halau members on display stands at the ‘Imiloa kapa presentation

California then agreed to the project, with Halau O Kekuhi of Hilo selected as the halau to wear the treasured kapa. The world premiere was opening night of the 2011 Merrie Monarch Festival on Wednesday April 27th. It was an electrifying ho‘ike.

Starting from the entrance of the ho‘opa‘a and ‘olapa attired in the kapa

pa‘u, malo and kihei, the one-hour performance mesmerized the capacity audience at Edith K. Kanaka‘ole Stadium. Hula from the period just around pre-contact to Western contact were featured and included occupational themes such as farming and fishing. The keiki group soon came onstage, also attired in solid or kapa print cotton, and nearly stole the show. The final hula noho in honor of the kapa featured the entire halau, each dancer with a kapa anvil, beater and strip of kapa. The stadium erupted with the percussive sound of the kapa beaters, the dancers’ mele, and a cheering audience. After a standing ovation for the halau, the 34 kapa makers seated in the front row were recognized in a profoundly heartfelt ceremony.

On Friday April 29th, a kapa lecture-demonstration at the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i attracted an overflowing audience eager to visit with the kapa makers. The room was set up with selected garments on display as well as “mini-stations” for the dozen kapa makers who shared the various



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stages of kapa making. Kumu hula Nalani Kanaka‘ole also shed insight into the halau’s performance at the ho‘ike.

This is a three-year project, of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, a collaboration amongst Halau O Kekuhi and the kapa makers (artists), the Edith Kanaka‘ole Foundation and the Biographical Research Center (project partners), and other community partners around the state. Still in the works are plans for a PBS Hawai‘i documentary by the Biography Hawai‘i production team and statewide outreach to all islands including performances, exhibits, and community activities. Funding in part has been received from appropriations from the Hawai‘i State Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, Hawai‘i Council for the Humanities, and project partner resources.



Finale with entire Halau performing hula noho featuring kapa

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 may 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.



Hawai'i STATE ART MUSEUM, COME SEE, IT'S YOUR ART!

Check out our A View from the Gallery links on our website for some of our current and past exhibits at HiSAM. We're working toward getting you inside our exhibits from your computer! Updates are ongoing. Your virtual tours start at www.hawaii.gov/sfca.



Downtown @ the HiSAM

Lunch, Mon.–Sat., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Dinner, First Friday, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
Hawai'i State Art Museum, 1st Floor

Enjoy a delicious lunch at **Downtown @ the HiSAM**, the restaurant at the **Hawai'i State Art Museum**. Proprietor Ed Kenney, also the owner of Town restaurant in Kaimuki, brings his “local first, organic whenever possible, and with aloha always,” approach to the downtown area. The restaurant serves lunch with deli-style takeout, and casual in-house dining. The restaurant may also be booked for private functions. In addition to its regular hours, the restaurant is open for dinner on First Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lunch reservations are recommended for the popular dining spot; call 536-5900.