



BISHOP MUSEUM

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Bishop Museum Announces New Exhibit, *Backyard Adventures*

The exhibit's interactive science displays will engage guests with the wonders that can be found in their own backyards, and emphasize the importance — and fun — of outdoor activity and exploration.

Honolulu, Hawai'i — Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum announces a new exhibit coming to its Castle Memorial Building in November 2022: *Backyard Adventures*.

Backyard Adventures, created by Scitech in Perth, Australia and produced by Imagine Exhibitions, creates a dynamic space with interactive science displays that engage guests with the wonders that can be found in their own backyards.

Keiki and 'ohana will be able to discover the outdoors from the perspective of a bee; take a walk through a digital garden to see plants growing in super time; and investigate the creatures that only come out once they're tucked into bed.

As described by Imagine Exhibitions: "The backyard is full of science from the biological interactions between plants and insects, the zoology of nocturnal animals, the horticultural know-how that goes into growing giant vegetables, the mathematical genius needed to lay pavers, and the feats of construction that can go on in the shed."

The exhibit also emphasizes the importance — and fun — of outdoor activity and exploration, with activities such as a giant skipping rope and backyard-themed mini golf.

"*Backyard Adventures* is a natural complement to our original exhibition, *Taxonomy: Our Lives Depend On It*," said Brandon Bunag, Bishop Museum vice president of public programs. "While *Taxonomy* emphasizes the importance of natural sciences, biodiversity, and conservation, as well as Bishop Museum's long and honored history working in these areas, *Backyard Adventures* encourages citizen science through engaging and playful interactives in a setting familiar to many 'ohana."

"Our hope is that *Taxonomy* and *Backyard Adventures* will instill a love of the sciences in many of our

guests, and show how they can start their own scientific journeys and research, in their homes and outdoors,” added Bunag.

Backyard Adventures opens to the public in Bishop Museum’s Castle Memorial Building on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, and runs through Aug. 20, 2023.

Media Preview Opportunity on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022

Bishop Museum invites members of the media to attend an exclusive, pre-opening, closed-door Media Preview of *Backyard Adventures*:

- Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022
- 1-4 p.m. HST
- Bishop Museum, Castle Memorial Building
- Please RSVP with Lance Aquino via the contact information above

Interview opportunities:

- Bishop Museum Vice President of Public Programs, Brandon Bunag
- Bishop Museum Director of Exhibits, Brad Evans

More information on *Backyard Adventures* will be available in the near future on the Museum’s website, BishopMuseum.org.

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About Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum:

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum’s mission is to inspire our community and visitors through the exploration, celebration and perpetuation of the extraordinary history, culture, and environment of Hawai‘i and the Pacific. The Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in memory of his wife Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a royal descendant of King Kamehameha I. Today, the Museum thrives as an educational center for the community and is widely regarded as the world’s premier institution for Hawaiian and Pacific content.

Bishop Museum’s vast collections of more than 25 million objects and specimens represent nine disciplines and include more than 22 million biological specimens, over two million cultural objects, 115,000 historical publications, and one million photographs, films, works of art, audio recordings, and manuscripts. These collections tell the stories of the cultures and biodiversity of Hawai‘i and the Pacific as well as the proud legacy of scholarly research spanning 130 years.

Bishop Museum proudly serves more than 200,000 visitors each year, including 20,000 children on school visits.

To learn more about the Museum’s research, collections, exhibits, and programs, visit BishopMuseum.org, follow @BishopMuseum on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), become a fan of Bishop Museum on [Facebook](#), visit Bishop Museum’s [YouTube](#) channel, or call (808) 847-3511. Bishop Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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