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**Bishop Museum August 2026
Exhibitions, Public Programs, and Events**

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — [Bishop Museum](#), the State of Hawai‘i Museum of Natural and Cultural History, shares its August 2026 exhibitions, public programs, and events. A full and continually updated listing can be found on the Museum’s website, [BishopMuseum.org](#). For more information, please contact Krislyn Hashimoto with Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations, Inc.

August sees the return of Bishop Museum’s beloved summer concert [Mele After Hours](#) to the Great Lawn, celebrating the richness of Hawai‘i’s musical heritage with live performances under the Honolulu sky. Plus, Bishop Museum’s popular online auction, [E Ulu A Pa‘a](#), returns with dozens of one-of-a-kind treasures and unique Bishop Museum experiences up for bid.

- Ongoing | Exhibition
[Ea Mai ‘Eiwa: Patterns of Practice](#)
J. M. Long Gallery

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Ea Mai ‘Eiwa: Patterns of Practice is a powerful exhibition featuring the work of Nālani Kanaka‘ole (1946-2026), Sig Zane, and Kūha‘o‘īmaikalani Zane — a Hilo-based family of artists whose creative practices are deeply rooted in hula ‘aiha‘a.

As dedicated members of Hālau o Kekuhi in Keaukaha, Hawai‘i, their work across visual and performing arts is continually charged and sustained by hula. From Nālani Kanaka‘ole’s art direction and choreography to Sig Zane’s photography and textile design, and Kūha‘o‘īmaikalani Zane’s graphic design and immersive installations, each artist channels ‘ike (knowledge) carried through generations.

Bringing together new and existing works alongside botanical specimens and cultural treasures from

Bishop Museum's collections, *Ea Mai 'Eiwa* weaves together themes of migration, community resilience, and environmental stewardship.

Ea Mai 'Eiwa: Patterns of Practice is presented with the generous support of Hawaiian Airlines, First Hawaiian Bank, Matson, Mellon Foundation, Servco Pacific Inc., Min Plastics, OUTRIGGER Resorts & Hotels, and Shibby Stylee.

- Ongoing | Exhibition
[*Aloha Bricks '26: Stories of Hawai'i*](#)
Castle Memorial Building

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Aloha Bricks '26: Stories of Hawai'i shares a look at our islands through the vivid and creative presentation of bricks! Engaging for the whole family, this new exhibition is a celebration of the people, places, plants, animals, and stories that shape Hawai'i.

Created in partnership with the Hawaii LEGO® Users Group (HILUG), *Aloha Bricks '26* features jaw-dropping, detailed builds, from beloved landmarks to native species and legendary tales. In addition, guests can explore the Middle School Mascot Mosaic Gallery representing 50 schools statewide; 2D mosaics inspired by the flora and fauna researched by Museum scientists; a massive 10-foot wave made entirely of bricks; and, the Free Play Zone that invite visitors of all ages to tap into their imaginations and build.

Aloha Bricks '26: Stories of Hawai'i is presented with support from Hawaiian Telcom, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts, Pasha Hawaii, Hawaiian Airlines, and AIA Hawaii.

- Ongoing | Exhibit
[*Wayfinders: He Wa'a He Moku, He Moku He Wa'a, We Are One and the Same*](#)
Jabulka Pavilion Rotunda (J. Watumull Planetarium lobby)

Wayfinders: He Wa'a He Moku, He Moku He Wa'a, We Are One and the Same celebrates the resurgence of wayfinding across Hawai'i and the wider Moananuiākea. This exhibit showcases the growing family of voyaging canoes and crew members, reflecting on environmental and cultural stewardship for future generations. Meet inspirational leaders in the Hall of Teachers interactive by Arizona State University, and practice using kūkuluokalani, the Hawaiian star compass, and nā lālani hōkū, the four Hawaiian star lines, to navigate.

- Ongoing | Installation
[*Mary Kawena Pukui: Knowledge is Life*](#)
Hawaiian Hall (3rd floor Treasure Case)

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Mary Kawena Pukui: Knowledge is Life celebrates the work and enduring legacy of Mary Kawena Pukui, honoring her many teachers and recognizing Pukui as the leading source of Hawaiian language and cultural study today. This installation acknowledges Pukui's ties to her own sources of knowledge, and how these teachings prepared her for her role as a kumu hula, composer, writer, researcher, and expert English-Hawaiian translator.

- Ongoing | Exhibit
Lele o Nā Manu: The Splendor and Loss of Hawai‘i’s Birds
Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Lele o Nā Manu: The Splendor and Loss of Hawai‘i’s Birds features 47 exquisite carvings of endemic manu nahele by master craftsman, Haruo Uchiyama. The complete set of historically known Hawaiian honeycreepers are displayed atop an original mural painted by local artist, Patrick Ching. The exhibit also includes a mural by Dr. Julian Hume depicting prehistoric Kīpahulu Valley, Maui; fossils of extinct Hawaiian bird species; and an interactive game.

- Ongoing | Exhibit
‘A‘a‘ā o Hawai‘i: Cave Bugs of Hawai‘i
Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Explore ‘a‘a‘ā (lava tube) with *‘A‘a‘ā o Hawai‘i: Cave Bugs of Hawai‘i*, featuring an updated lava tube “caving” experience that highlights Hawaiian underground biodiversity, the scientific process of finding and naming new species, as well as a collaboration with members of Papahānaumokuākea Native Hawaiian Cultural Working Group Nomenclature Hui to develop Hawaiian names for species found only in Hawaiian lava tubes.

- Ongoing | Exhibit
Ke Kai Pōwehiwehi: The Twilight Zone
Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Ke Kai Pōwehiwehi: The Twilight Zone showcases the rich biodiversity in our islands’ coral reefs, presented as two distinct sections: shallow sunlit reef systems and deeper mesophotic coral reefs.

On the ground level of the Science Adventure Center, the exhibit features the shallow sunlit reef systems that most of us are familiar with, highlighting some of the native corals that make up our reefs in Hawai‘i.

The lower, second level of the exhibit highlights the deeper and less familiar mesophotic coral reefs, often referred to as the “twilight zone” of the ocean, where light barely penetrates. Deep sea fish and other mysterious creatures are represented here, giving guests a close-up look into the darker environment being explored by Bishop Museum scientists.

- Ongoing | Installations
Campus Murals
Throughout the Museum campus.

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Bishop Museum’s outdoor murals provide an immersive art experience that bridges traditional

culture, creative expression, and indigenous perspectives. The initial round of murals was completed in 2021 in conjunction with the special exhibit [*POW! WOW! The First Decade: From Hawai'i to the World*](#), and was expanded in May 2023 during the Hawai'i Walls Mural Festival in Kalihi. The additional murals were inspired by the Kalihi community, local histories, and Bishop Museum's cultural and scientific collections and resources.

- Thursdays–Tuesdays
[Planetarium Shows](#)
J. Watumull Planetarium

\$3 with General Admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Join us in the J. Watumull Planetarium to connect with the environment and people of the Pacific region, the expanse of our universe, and the stories we pass on from generation to generation.

2026 Early Fall Planetarium Shows:

- “The Hawaiian Sky Tonight”
- “Wayfinders: Waves, Winds, and Stars”
- “T. REX”
- “Ocean Paradise”

- [August 2026 Sky Map](#) | Online Resource (also attached to this release)

Free downloads for personal use.

You and your ‘ohana can try your hand at backyard astronomy! The monthly Sky Maps from our J. Watumull Planetarium show the sky above Hawai'i from about 8-10 p.m. HST. Hold the Sky Map above your head to align all four directions and discover which stars and constellations are visible this month.

- Weekdays, 10:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Program
[Hawaiian Garden Tour](#)
Nā Ulu o Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden and throughout the Museum campus

This program is coordinated and presented in Japanese. Limited capacity. Pre-registration three days prior is required. \$56 for General Admission. Museum Members receive a 10% discount.

Leisurely explore the grounds of Bishop Museum with our Asia Pacific Educators and learn about the plants of Hawai'i! These tours are open to all Japanese-language speakers and include a hands-on kukui lei making workshop.

- Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. | Event
[T. REX: Extended Cut Screenings](#)
J. Watumull Planetarium

Capacity is limited, and online registration is required. \$5 General Admission. Children 2 and under are free but will be expected to share a seat with an adult or guardian. Free for Bishop Museum Members with online registration.

Missing dinosaurs in your life? Come experience the extended cut of “T. REX,” a planetarium show favorite!

Chronicling the true story of three boys’ discovery of a juvenile Tyrannosaurus rex fossil in July 2022, “T. REX” takes you through the life and times of this iconic dinosaur. Be transported back in time to explore prehistoric Earth with Cretaceous creatures through a blend of documentary and CGI artistry.

“T. REX” was produced by Giant Screen Films, narrated by beloved “Jurassic Park” actor Sam Neill.

- Saturday, Aug. 8, 2026, 10-11 a.m. | Public Program

[Kanikapila ma Kaiwi‘ula](#)

Bowman Hālau Wa‘a

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

E ho‘okani pila kākou! Join members of the ‘Ukulele Guild of Hawai‘i in our Nā Ulu o Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden. Bring your ‘ukulele or borrow one. Learn new techniques, share mo‘olelo, or just enjoy the music as ‘Ukulele Guild of Hawai‘i leads guests through selections from “He Mele Aloha: A Hawaiian Songbook.”

- Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Program

[Lā Kūle‘a: ‘Auana](#)

Hawaiian Hall and Pākī 2

This program is coordinated and presented in Japanese. Limited capacity. Pre-registration two days prior is required. \$100 for General Admission. Museum Members receive a 10% discount.

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- Aug. 13-23, 2026 | Fundraiser

[E Ulu A Pa‘a](#)

Online Auction

We’re pleased to once again present E Ulu A Pa‘a, an 11-day online auction supporting the mission, staff, and work of Bishop Museum, the designated Hawai‘i State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. The 2026 auction will feature exclusive Museum experiences, from private tours of the Museum’s vast Natural Science collections to a private viewing of our upcoming World Wide Walls exhibition *Under/Ground*, or a planetarium pizza party for the whole ‘ohana!

- Friday, Aug. 14, 2026, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program

[Mele After Hours](#)

Campuswide

\$20 pre-sale General Admission. Free for children 13 and under. \$15 for Bishop Museum Members. Walk-in purchase on the day of the event increase by \$5.

Experience the magic of Hawaiian music under the stars at Bishop Museum's Mele After Hours on our Great Lawn. This special evening celebrates the richness of Hawai'i's musical heritage with a stellar lineup featuring legendary island band Kapena along with the beautiful hula of Hālau Hi'iakaināmakalehua, the dynamic sounds of 'Uhe'uhene, Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winners Ei Nei, and acclaimed husband-and-wife duo Kala'e and Kalena Parish. Beloved local radio personality Mele Apana returns as host, guiding the evening's festivities with her signature warmth and aloha.

Bring your 'ohana and enjoy live performances beneath the Honolulu sky, surrounded by the historic beauty of Bishop Museum. Food and drink will be available for purchase from local vendors at the [Kaiwi'ula Night Market](#).

Museum After Hours programming is generously supported by Kona Brewing Hawai'i, Hawaiian Telcom, Waiākea, and ProService Hawaii.

- Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. | Event
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- Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Program
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- Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026, 7-8 p.m. | Event
[Navigating by the Stars](#)
J. Watumull Planetarium

Capacity is limited, and registration is required. \$10 General Adult, \$7 General Youth. Children 3 and

under are free but will be expected to share a seat with an adult or guardian. 50% discount for Bishop Museum Members.

Join Bishop Museum Planetarium educators and Hōkūle‘a navigator and Honolulu Community College Ho‘okele Instructor Ka‘iulani Murphy for Navigating by the Stars! Each talk includes an introduction to the night sky and celestial navigation. The August presentation features the Hawaiian star line most prominent this month, Mānaiakalani.

- Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, 7-8 p.m. | Event
[The Stars Tonight](#)
J. Watumull Planetarium

Capacity is limited, and registration is required. \$10 General Adult, \$7 General Youth. Children 3 and under are free but will be expected to share a seat with an adult or guardian. 50% discount for Bishop Museum Members.

Come study the stars, travel across the Earth and into our solar system, and share stories with us in our J. Watumull Planetarium! Stargazing on the Great Lawn with the Hawaiian Astronomical Society after the show, weather permitting.

Looking past June, Bishop Museum is also excited to preview the following upcoming exhibits and public programs in 2026:

- Sept. 11, 2026 | Museum After Hours
- Sept. 18, 2026 | The Stars Tonight: Trivia Dome
- Sept. 24, 2026 | La‘a: Consecration of Aloha ‘Āina in ‘Aha
- Oct. 22, 2026 | Ma‘a: Establishing Our Pilina to Kanaloa
- Nov. 7, 2026 | Nānā I Ke Kumu 2026, Presented by Hawai‘i Tourism Authority
- Nov. 12, 2026 | Pa‘a: Kanaloa kānaka i Kanaloa: Ea a‘e ka ‘Ohana
- Nov. 13, 2026 | 50 Years of Aloha ‘Āina concert: La‘a, Ma‘a, Pa‘a!

Bishop Museum also holds [Daily Programs](#) for all guests, as well as in-person [J. Watumull Planetarium](#) shows. Its [Signature Galleries](#) include Hawaiian Hall, Pacific Hall, Picture Gallery, Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kāhili Room, Nā Ulu o Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden, Kamāla‘ulahiwa ‘Ohana Learning Space, Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center, and Campus Murals. For more information, please visit BishopMuseum.org.

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About Bishop Museum, the State of Hawai‘i Museum of Natural and Cultural History:

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 2 million cultural objects,

115,000 historical publications, and 1 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. Guests are encouraged to pre-plan their trip to #HawaiiisMuseum with its [free digital guide](#), available through Bloomberg Connects.

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

Bishop Museum is proud to be an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, and welcomes applicants from the military, veterans, and those with disabilities. Learn about careers at Bishop Museum at BishopMuseum.org/Careers and on its [LinkedIn](#) page.

[Bishop Museum Press](#) is Hawai‘i’s oldest book publisher and one of the first scholarly publishers in the Western Hemisphere, and has published over 1,200 titles and distributed over 1 million books in 72 countries worldwide. Bishop Museum hosts a restaurant and gift shop on campus, [Tūtū’s Place by Highway Inn](#) and [Shop Pacifica by Nā Mea Hawai‘i](#).

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