



BISHOP MUSEUM

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Bishop Museum Celebrates *Tatau: Marks of Polynesia* With a Closing Festival

*Event to feature traditional tattoo demonstrations from Sāmoa, Tonga, and Hawai‘i
with cultural food and music, and keiki activities.*

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum celebrates its exhibition, *Tatau: Marks of Polynesia* with a Closing Festival this Saturday, July 2, 2022 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. throughout its campus. The Festival marks the closing weekend of the exhibition, and will feature traditional tattoo demonstrations from Sāmoa, Tonga, and Hawai‘i, along with cultural food and music, and keiki activities.

“We’re extremely grateful to Sulu‘ape Steve Looney, Danielle Steffany-Looney, and the Sulu‘ape Family; John Agcaoili, whose photographs are featured in the exhibition; the Japanese American National Museum; and our corporate and community partners for their support in making this exhibition come to life,” said Brandon Bunag, vice president of public programs and interim director of education. “*Tatau: Marks of Polynesia* has shared the tradition and cultural significance of tatau and its influence around the world, and we celebrate the exhibition and the people who are part of it with this Closing Festival.”

Tatau: Marks of Polynesia closes on Monday, July 4. Through photographs taken in a studio and on location in Sāmoa, the exhibition showcases the work of traditional tatau masters alongside that of younger practitioners and artists who are adopting tatau’s motifs and styles for new media and art forms.

The exhibition shares what tatau signifies in Samoan culture, and how it helps Samoans and other Polynesians living abroad stay connected to their identity and heritage.

The Closing Festival is included with Museum admission. A full Festival timeline can be found below. Information on *Tatau: Marks of Polynesia* can be found at BishopMuseum.org/Tatau.

Tatau: Marks of Polynesia Closing Festival | Timeline

- 9 a.m.:
 - Doors open | Food trucks, arts and craft booths on the Great Lawn
- 9:45 a.m.:
 - ‘Ava ceremony
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.:
 - "Tatau: Marks of Polynesia" panel conversation in the Hawaiian Hall Atrium
- 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.:
 - Live tatau demonstrations and keiki activities on the Gallery Lawn. Live music and performances by John Akapo, Kalehua Krug and ‘Ohana, Tali Letuli, Kasanita Tavale, and Alo O Sāmoa on the Upper Great Lawn.
- 3 p.m.:
 - Tauluga Closing Performance on the Upper Great Lawn

Media who would like to cover the event are requested to RSVP with Lance Aquino via the contact information above. On event day, media are requested to check in at the Museum’s Security Desk, located on the ‘Ewa side of its campus. Upon entering the Museum’s main vehicle entrance, turn right and drive forward to park in the employee parking lot. Look for a large sign marked “Security”; the Security Desk is located right behind the sign at the entrance of the building. Media will be asked to exchange a form of identification for a Media Badge, which should be worn at all times.

Note that while there are no external lighting restrictions for the photographs featured in the exhibition, external lighting should not be used on any of the collection items on display (ceremonial headdresses, traditional clothing, tattooing implements, etc.)

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Bishop Museum Admission, Parking, and Hours

Timed General Admissions can be booked on the hour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BishopMuseum.org/Tickets. Tickets for [Bishop Museum After Hours](#) events can be purchased via this same webpage.

The safety and health of our visitors and employees remain our highest priorities. Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged. Learn more on our [Health & Safety](#) page.

General Admission

	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends</u>
Adults:	\$26.95	\$28.95
Seniors (65+):	\$23.95	\$25.95
Youth (4–17):	\$18.95	\$20.95
Children (3 and under):	Free	Free

Hawai‘i Residents, Hawai‘i College Students, and Military with ID

Adults: \$14.95
Seniors (65+): \$12.95
Youth (4-17): \$10.95
Children (3 and under): Free

Children age 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Bishop Museum Annual Membership levels include free general admission and parking for 12 months. Learn more at [BishopMuseum.org/Membership](https://www.bishopmuseum.org/membership).

J. Watumull Planetarium tickets can be purchased at the Box Office after admission to the Museum; shows are free for Bishop Museum Members, but must be obtained at the Box Office in person on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking Rates

Daytime Rate: 6 a.m.–5 p.m. \$5.00
Evening Rate: 5 p.m.–10 p.m. \$3.00

Hours

Open every day from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Closed on Thanksgiving and on Christmas Day.

Bishop Museum Café by Highway Inn offers a limited menu of bowls, sandwiches, and snacks from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. daily. Bishop Museum Members receive a 10% discount with their membership card.

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](https://www.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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