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Bishop Museum Celebrates the Life and Legacy of Edith Kanaka‘ole

*Bishop Museum and the Edith Kanaka‘ole Foundation present
a special Bishop Museum After Hours event on June 9 in honor of Edith Kanaka‘ole.*

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — [Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum](#) and the Edith Kanaka‘ole Foundation are proud to present a special After Hours event on Friday, June 9, 2023 that celebrates the hula, choreography, compositions, and traditions of Edith Kanaka‘ole.

Edith Kanaka‘ole, often referred to as Aunty Edith, was a kumu hula, an entertainer, a Hawaiian language instructor, and the director of a Department of Education project focused on Hawaiian language and culture. She was a respected figure in the community and people from all over Hawai‘i came to learn from her.

In March 2023, the United States Mint released the Edith Kanaka‘ole Quarter as part of the American Women Quarters Program.

Bishop Museum After Hours attendees will enjoy special tribute performances by Hālau o Kekuhi from Hilo, under the direction of Kumu Hula Nālani Kanaka‘ole and the Kanaka‘ole ‘Ohana; performances by Ka Pā Hula Hawai‘i under the direction of Kumu Hula Kaha‘i Topolinski; Ka Lā ‘Ōnohi Mai o Ha‘eha‘e under the direction of Nā Kumu Hula Keawe and Traci Lopes; and Hālau Hi‘iakaināmakalehua under the direction of Nā Kumu Hula Robert Keano Kaupu and Lono Padilla.

“We are honored to be able to host this celebration of Aunty Edith Kanaka‘ole at Hawai‘i’s Museum. Bishop Museum’s kuleana is to celebrate and perpetuate the culture of Hawai‘i, which includes highlighting pivotal community leaders like Aunty Edith who dedicated their lives to doing the same,”

said Taylour Chang, Bishop Museum director of public programs and community engagement. “We invite ‘ohana and visitors to join us in what will surely be an incredible night of song, dance, and tribute.”

Bishop Museum After Hours

Friday, June 9, 2023

Select, featured programming:

E Hō Mai Ka ‘Ike – A Celebration of Aunty Edith Kanaka‘ole

Live performances

6-8 p.m.

Bishop Museum Great Lawn

“Pau Hana Years: Edith Kanaka‘ole”

Video presentation

5-9 p.m.

Gulab & Indru Watumull Atrium of Hawaiian Hall

For the full lineup of Bishop Museum’s After Hours event, please visit BishopMuseum.org/after-hours and follow @BishopMuseum.

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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

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