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Bishop Museum Hosts Celebrate Micronesia Festival

*In its seventh year at the Museum, the Festival brings together and honors
Micronesian voices from across the Pacific.*

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — [Bishop Museum](https://www.bishopmuseum.org), the State of Hawai‘i Museum of Natural and Cultural History, hosts the Celebrate Micronesia Festival this Saturday, May 3. The event will run from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. throughout the Museum’s 15-acre campus, and is held in partnership with the Pacific Islands Development Program at East-West Center, the Center for Pacific Islands Studies at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and leaders from Micronesian communities across Hawai‘i.

The vibrant festival brings together Micronesian voices from across the Pacific for a day of music, dance, art, food, and storytelling, and honors the rich traditions and contemporary expressions of the Republic of Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guåhan (Guam), Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Kiribati, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

“We’re honored to once again host the Celebrate Micronesia Festival for the seventh year, and mahalo our Pacific communities for their partnership and support in holding this important event,” said Brandon Bunag, Ed.D., Bishop Museum vice president of public programs and interim director of education. “This year’s Festival theme, ‘Navigating Forward,’ is especially notable during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and we appreciate the opportunity to come together and uplift the rich and diverse cultures of Micronesia.”

Highlights of this year’s Festival include traditional weaving, poetry readings, contemporary fashion, cultural performances, food vendors, art displays, hands-on demos, educational booths, and a marketplace featuring local Micronesian artists and makers. The event is \$5 for kama‘āina and military, and free for Bishop Museum Members. Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

A full lineup of Festival presenters and performers is provided below. For more information about Bishop Museum and the Celebrate Micronesia Festival, and to purchase tickets, please visit [BishopMuseum.org](https://www.bishopmuseum.org) and follow @bishopmuseum.

Bishop Museum expresses its mahalo to the following supporters of the Celebrate Micronesia Festival: Matson,

AlohaCare, Dr. Mary Therese Perez Hattori, Micronesians United - Big Island, Barbara B. Smith Endowment for Micronesian-focused Programs, and Locals Limited.

Celebrate Micronesia Festival 2025 Presenters and Performers*

*subject to change

Presenter/Performer	Discipline
Hālau Pua Ali'i 'Ilima	Hawaiian Protocol
Pacific Voices	Dance and Singing
BYUH I-Kiribati Club	Dance and Singing
Ifit Hoppe-Cruz	Poetry
Carol Ann Carl	Poetry and Painting
Neome Walter	Fashion Show
Pohnpei Dance Club	Dance and Singing
MCA Micronesia Connections	Dance and Singing
Fern Elementary Dance Club	Dance and Singing
Journey Breakthrough Essay Winners	Storytelling
Kosrae Honolulu Women Organization	Dance and Singing
Chuuk Culture and Language School	Fashion Show / Storytelling
Farrington HS Pacific Literature Class	Storytelling
Alii Belau	Dance and Singing
Highlands Storytellers	Storytelling
Remathau Community of Hawai'i	Traditional Attire
Waipahu High School	Storytelling

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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 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.

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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