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Bishop Museum Hosts Celebrate Micronesia Festival

The 2023 Festival, to be held on Saturday, May 20 throughout the Museum's campus, celebrates the resilience of Micronesian cultures and Pacific communities.

Honolulu, Hawai'i — Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, in partnership with the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) and the East-West Center, hosts the 2023 Celebrate Micronesia Festival on Saturday, May 20. from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. throughout the Museum's campus.

The Festival showcases traditional and contemporary art, dance, poetry, fashion, stories, music, and food of the people and cultures of the Republic of Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Guåhan (Guam), Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Kiribati, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"As the State Museum of natural and cultural history of Hawai'i and the Pacific, Bishop Museum is pleased to once again host the Celebrate Micronesia Festival for the fifth year," said Brandon Bunag, Bishop Museum vice president of public programs and interim director of education. "This year's Festival theme of 'Resilience' is especially notable during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Island Heritage Month, and we appreciate the opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of Micronesia."

"The Festival is an important event that highlights and celebrates the wisdom, beauty, and strength of the peoples and cultures of the region of Micronesia," said Dr. Mary Hattori, Pacific Islands Development Program director. "By facilitating this opportunity for Micronesians to share their cultures with the public, we hope to increase awareness and appreciation for the resilience and diversity of cultures and languages expressed through the arts, fashion, food, and stories of Micronesia."

Highlights of this year's Festival include a contemporary Palauan fashion show and canoes representative of the Micronesian and Hawaiian histories of celestial navigation, as well as virtual presentations and online discussions to complement the in-person programming. Admission is discounted to \$5.00 per person for kama'āina and military with ID, and includes access to the Festival as well as the Museum's exhibitions and galleries.

For a full event line up and to pre-purchase tickets, please visit BishopMuseum.org/Events and follow @BishopMuseum.

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Bishop Museum Admission, Parking, and Hours

Timed General Admissions can be booked for arrivals between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or for arrivals between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Once a timed admission is booked, guests may arrive at any time during their check-in window. All admissions, once checked in, are welcome to stay until 5 p.m.

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.

Bishop Museum is a participant in the [Museums for All](#) program, which provides free regular admission for up to four people with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. Guests will also receive free parking for one vehicle, and are asked to bypass parking payment and check in at the Museum's ticket counter in Shop Pacifica.

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 (4-7):	\$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 ages 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.

J. Watumull Planetarium tickets can be purchased at the Box Office after admission to the Museum; shows are free for Bishop Museum Members, but tickets 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, 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.

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 1200 titles and distributed over 1,000,000 books in 72 countries worldwide.

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