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**Bishop Museum Invites Local ‘Ohana and Visitors to
Enjoy the Holidays at #HawaiiisMuseum**

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — [Bishop Museum](#), the State of Hawai‘i Museum of Natural and Cultural History, presents its 2025 Holiday Guide, inviting local ‘ohana and visitors to enjoy the holidays at #HawaiiisMuseum.

Public Programs and Special Events

In partnership with Hui Aloha ‘Āina o Honolulu, Bishop Museum invites our community to celebrate [Lā Kū‘oko‘a](#), a historic holiday of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and the continuing kū‘oko‘a (independence) of the lāhui (nation) Hawai‘i. Join us for conversation, mele (song), and mea‘ai (food) provided by Hale Kealoha on Friday, Nov. 28 from noon – 5 p.m.; FREE admission for kama‘āina includes access to all Museum galleries.

The [Kaiwi‘ula Night Market](#) will be holding its monthly event at Bishop Museum on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Support local and get your holiday shopping done under a starry night sky, and don’t forget to take part in the [Grow Aloha Native Hawaiian Plant Adoption!](#)

The December Night Market will also be a “[Dino Night](#)” collab with Bishop Museum, featuring access to the [Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep](#) exhibit, encounters with the Museum’s resident dino, Mo‘onui, keiki activities, and more — all for a discounted, pre-sale admission of \$10.00!

Trivia lovers! What better way to challenge yourself — and others — than under the star-filled theater of our J. Watumull Planetarium? [The Stars Tonight: Trivia Dome](#) is offered in two quiz-style shows at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, with the latter show’s game at an increased difficulty. Stargazing will be available on the Great Lawn with volunteers from the Hawaiian Astronomical Society, weather permitting. Register early to reserve your seat!

For those looking for some musical cheer, [Kanikapila ma Kaiwi‘ula](#) will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Museum’s Bowman Hālau Wa‘a. Bring your own ‘ukulele or borrow one, and join in to learn some new techniques, share mo‘olelo, or just enjoy the music with members of the ‘Ukulele Guild of Hawai‘i.

Hele mai! Sip, stroll, and shop holiday goodies from more than 15 local favorites at Nā Mea Hawai‘i’s Ship & Shop Market on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5-9 p.m. on Bishop Museum grounds. Free entry! More info [@nameahawaii](#).

For a taste of the holidays, stop in at [Tūtū’s Place](#) and try one of their two seasonal drinks! Get cozy with a Peppermint Hot Cocoa or an ‘Ulu Spice Latte, made with locally crafted Pono Potions syrup. Check [@tutusplace](#) or online for Tūtū’s Weekly Special, a rotating menu of local-style favorites.

Daily Programs

Bishop Museum’s [Daily Programs](#) include English language tours of the Hawaiian Hall Complex Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., as well as [Geology Shows](#) on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at noon and 2:30 p.m. in our Hot Spot Theater, located on the lower level of the volcano in the Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center. Times and availability may vary.

[Japanese language](#) tours of the Hawaiian Hall Complex are available Monday through Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tours may also be available on weekday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., pending docent availability.

Leisurely explore Museum grounds with our Asia Pacific Educators and learn about the plants of Hawai‘i through their Hawaiian Garden Tour; or, take part in their Lā Kūle‘a: ‘Auana program which includes a hula ‘auana (contemporary hula) experience, private guided tour of Hawaiian Hall, and a lei-making workshop. Both [Culture Programs](#) are coordinated and presented in Japanese, and pre-registration is required.

Amplify your exploration of the *Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep* exhibit with a [face-to-face encounter](#) with the Museum’s resident juvenile Tyrannosaurus rex, Mo‘onui! These thrilling encounters occur Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in front of the main entrance of Castle Memorial Building. Show times and availability may vary.

The Museum’s [J. Watumull Planetarium](#) offers the following daytime shows in December; please visit the Planetarium webpage for showtimes and other details:

- “The Hawaiian Sky Tonight”
- “Wayfinders: Waves, Winds, and Stars”
- “T. REX”
- “Ocean Paradise”
- “Experience the Aurora”
- “Ngā Tohunga Whakaterere: The Navigators”

Signature Galleries and Current Exhibitions

Bishop Museum’s [Signature Galleries](#) include historic Hawaiian Hall, Pacific Hall, Picture Gallery, Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kāhili Room, Nā Ulu o Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden, Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center, Kamāla‘ulahiwa ‘Ohana Learning Space, and Campus Murals. The Signature Galleries are open during regular business hours.

The Museum's current exhibitions include [*Explore EXCORE: The Art of Underwater Science*](#) in the J. M. Long Gallery (first floor, Hawaiian Hall Complex); [*Wayfinders: He Wa'a He Moku, He Moku He Wa'a, We Are One and the Same*](#) in the Jabulka Pavilion Rotunda (J. Watumull Planetarium lobby); and [*Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep*](#) in the Castle Memorial Building.

[*A Woman of the World: Bernice Pauahi Bishop in Europe, 1875-1876*](#) is featured in the third floor Treasure Case of Hawaiian Hall. On Friday, Dec. 19, a new installation will open, *Mary Kawena Pukui: Knowledge Is Life*, celebrating and honoring the work and enduring legacy of Mary Kawena Pukui and commemorating the [*Nānā i ke Kumu Series*](#) at its final monthly program of 2025.

The Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center includes two exhibits: [*Lele o Nā Manu: The Splendor and Loss of Hawai'i's Birds*](#) and *Ke Kai Pōwehiwehi: The Twilight Zone*.

Ways to Support

[Bishop Museum Press](#) is Hawai'i's oldest book publisher and one of the first scholarly publishers in the Western Hemisphere. Get ready to celebrate the season with their Cyber Monday Sale on Monday, Dec. 1! Most items in the online store will feature a discount, ranging from 10-75% off!

Bishop Museum's [Annual Fund](#) supports our Museum collections, staff, research, education, and programming when and where they are determined to be of the greatest need and impact. Our fall campaign, currently underway, runs through Dec. 31.

A gift of a [Bishop Museum Membership](#) provides 12 months of access to the Museum's unparalleled collections and research through its exhibitions and programming. Members also receive free parking, and free or discounted registration to Planetarium evening shows and other public programming events, including the monthly Museum After Hours series.

Start the New Year with a new career at #HawaiiisMuseum! Join the Bishop Museum 'Ohana and experience firsthand the rewarding work we do protecting, preserving, and perpetuating the culture and natural environment of Hawai'i and the Pacific. Learn about the Museum's employment, volunteer, and internship opportunities via our [Careers](#) page.

Note that to provide our Bishop Museum 'Ohana of staff, volunteers, and interns the opportunity to enjoy the holidays, Bishop Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

More information can be found on Bishop Museum's website, BishopMuseum.org.

The Bishop Museum 'Ohana wishes our community and visitors a safe and happy holiday season, and expresses our gratitude for your continued support. Mahalo nui loa.

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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.

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.

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