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

The Hawai‘i State Museum of Natural and Cultural History presents its 2024 Holiday Guide.

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — Bishop Museum, the Hawai‘i State Museum of Natural and Cultural history, presents its 2024 Holiday Guide, inviting local ‘ohana and visitors to enjoy the holidays at #HawaiiisMuseum.

Public Programs and Special Events

The Kaiwi‘ula Night Market will be holding its next event at Bishop Museum on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Skip the malls and get your shopping done under a starry night sky!

For those looking for some musical cheer, enjoy Kanikapila ma Kaiwi‘ula on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Museum’s Nā Ulu Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden. Bring your own ‘ukulele or borrow one! Join in to learn some new techniques, share mo‘olelo, or just enjoy the music with members of the ‘Ukulele Guild of Hawai‘i.

Trivia lovers! What better way to challenge yourself — and others — than under the star-filled theater of the Museum’s J. Watumull Planetarium? The Stars Tonight: Trivia Dome will be held at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. Register early to reserve your seat!

Daily Programs

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

Japanese language tours 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.

The Museum's J. Watumull Planetarium offers the following daytime shows in December:

Through Friday, Dec. 20:

- "3-2-1" Liftoff!
- "Hawaiian Sky Tonight"
- "Wayfinders: Waves, Winds and Stars"
- "Eyes on Island Earth"

Saturday, Dec. 21 through Tuesday, Dec. 31:

- "3-2-1" Liftoff!
- "Hawaiian Sky Tonight"
- "Wayfinders: Waves, Winds and Stars"
- "Experience the Aurora"
- "Ngā Tohunga Whakātere: The Navigators"

Signature Galleries and Current Exhibitions

Bishop Museum's Signature Galleries include historic Hawaiian Hall, Pacific Hall, the Picture Gallery, the Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kāhili Room, the Nā Ulu Kaiwi'ula Native Hawaiian Garden, the Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center, and the Museum's Campus Murals. The Signature Galleries are open during regular business hours, and the Museum only closes on Thanksgiving and on Christmas Day.

The Museum's current exhibitions include *Ka 'Ula Wena: Oceanic Red* in the Castle Memorial Building and *Kū a Lanakila! Expressions of Sovereignty in Early Territorial Hawai'i, 1900-1920* in the J. M. Long Gallery (first floor, Hawaiian Hall Complex).

Faith and Philanthropy: Queen Emma Kaleleonālani's Visit to England, 1865-1866 is featured in the third floor Treasure Case of Hawaiian Hall, and the Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center includes two exhibits: *Lalo: Science and Conservation in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands* and *Lele o Nā Manu: The Splendor and Loss of Hawai'i's Birds*.

Ways to Support

Bishop Museum Press is Hawai'i's oldest book publisher and one of the first scholarly publishers in the Western Hemisphere. Support of its Annual Holiday Sale on Cyber Monday, Dec. 2 benefits the Museum and ensures that the Press can reprint its most valued titles — like the much-anticipated *Arts & Crafts of Hawai'i* by Te Rangi Hiroa (Sir Peter Buck). Considered a seminal classic, this definitive work on Hawaiian material culture documents numerous customary artforms with detailed ethnographic descriptions and extensive use of illustration and imagery.

Bishop Museum's fall Annual Fund Campaign, currently underway, strives to collect unrestricted gifts that support Museum collections, staff, research, education, and programming when and where it is determined to be of the greatest need and impact at any given time.

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 Bishop 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.

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

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About Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, the State of Hawai‘i Museum of Natural and Cultural History:

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](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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