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**Bishop Museum March 2026
Exhibitions, Public Programs, and Events**

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — [Bishop Museum](https://www.bishopmuseum.org), the State of Hawai‘i Museum of Natural and Cultural History, shares its March 2026 exhibitions, public programs, and events. A full and continually updated listing can be found on the Museum’s website, [BishopMuseum.org](https://www.bishopmuseum.org). For more information on any of the items listed, please contact Kryslyn Hashimoto with Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations, Inc.

March sees the opening of Bishop Museum’s newest exhibition, sharing a look at our islands through the vivid and creative presentation of bricks! Engaging for the whole family, [*Aloha Bricks ‘26: Stories of Hawai‘i*](#) is a celebration of the people, places, plants, animals, and stories that shape Hawai‘i.

Created in partnership with the Hawaii LEGO® Users Group (HILUG), Aloha Bricks ‘26 features jaw-dropping, detailed builds, from beloved landmarks to native species and legendary tales. In addition, guests can explore the Middle School Mascot Mosaic Gallery representing 50 schools statewide; 2D mosaics inspired by the flora and fauna researched by Museum scientists; a massive 12-foot wave made entirely of bricks; and, the Free Play Zone that invite visitors of all ages to tap into their imaginations and build.

- Opening Saturday, March 14, 2026 | Exhibition
[*Aloha Bricks ‘26: Stories of Hawai‘i*](#)
Castle Memorial Building

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Aloha Bricks ‘26: Stories of Hawai‘i is presented with support from Hawaiian Telcom, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts, Pasha Hawaii, Hawaiian Airlines, and AIA Honolulu.

Media Preview Opportunity on Thursday, March 12, 2026, 1-4 p.m.

Bishop Museum invites members of the media to attend an exclusive pre-opening, closed-door Media Preview of *Aloha Bricks '26: Stories of Hawai'i*. Local 'ohana and keiki will be present during the Media Preview for content capturing and interview opportunities. Please RSVP with Kryslyn Hashimoto via the contact information above.

- Final weeks!| Exhibition
[*Explore EXCORE: The Art of Underwater Science*](#)
J. M. Long Gallery

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Dive into the vivid world of EXCORE's revolutionary underwater cinema with *Explore EXCORE: The Art of Underwater Science*, and be surrounded by amazing coral reef imagery captured in breathtaking clarity. Each frame is more than a stunning visual; it's a permanent scientific record of 21st-century reef biodiversity, preserved today for generations to come.

EXCORE, Bishop Museum's Center for the Exploration of Coral Reef Ecosystems, has led the way in deploying — and even inventing — the world's most advanced technologies to survey, study, and celebrate the astonishing biodiversity of coral reefs.

- Ongoing | Exhibit
Ke Kai Pōwehiwehi: The Twilight Zone
Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center

This exhibit in Bishop Museum's Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center showcases the rich biodiversity in our islands' coral reefs, presented as two distinct sections: shallow sunlit reef systems and deeper mesophotic coral reefs.

On the ground level of the Science Adventure Center, the exhibit features the shallow sunlit reef systems that most of us are familiar with, highlighting some of the native corals that make up our reefs in Hawai'i.

The lower, second level of the exhibit highlights the deeper and less familiar mesophotic coral reefs, often referred to as the "twilight zone" of the ocean, where light barely penetrates. Deep sea fish and other mysterious creatures are represented here, giving guests a close-up look into the darker environment being explored by Bishop Museum scientists.

- Ongoing | Exhibit
[*Wayfinders: He Wa'a He Moku, He Moku He Wa'a, We Are One and the Same*](#)
Jabulka Pavilion Rotunda (J. Watumull Planetarium lobby)

Wayfinders: He Wa'a He Moku, He Moku He Wa'a, We Are One and the Same celebrates the resurgence of wayfinding across Hawai'i and the wider Moananuiākea. This exhibit showcases the growing family of voyaging canoes and crew members, reflecting on environmental and cultural stewardship for future generations. Meet inspirational leaders in the Hall of Teachers interactive by Arizona State University, and practice using kūkuluokalani, the Hawaiian star

compass, and nā lālanī hōkū, the four Hawaiian star lines, to navigate.

- Ongoing | Exhibit
[*Lele o Nā Manu: The Splendor and Loss of Hawai‘i’s Birds*](#)
Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Lele o Nā Manu: The Splendor and Loss of Hawai‘i’s Birds features 47 exquisite carvings of endemic manu nahele by master craftsman, Haruo Uchiyama. The complete set of historically known Hawaiian honeycreepers are displayed atop an original mural painted by local artist, Patrick Ching. The exhibit also includes a mural by Dr. Julian Hume depicting prehistoric Kīpahulu Valley, Maui; fossils of extinct Hawaiian bird species; and an interactive game.

- Ongoing | Installation
[*Mary Kawena Pukui: Knowledge is Life*](#)
Hawaiian Hall (3rd floor Treasure Case)

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Mary Kawena Pukui: Knowledge is Life celebrates the work and enduring legacy of Mary Kawena Pukui, honoring her many teachers and recognizing Pukui as the leading source of Hawaiian language and cultural study today. This installation acknowledges Pukui’s ties to her own sources of knowledge, and how these teachings prepared her for her role as a kumu hula, composer, writer, researcher, and expert English-Hawaiian translator.

- Ongoing | Installations
[*Campus Murals*](#)
Throughout the Museum campus.

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Bishop Museum’s outdoor murals provide an immersive art experience that bridges traditional culture, creative expression, and indigenous perspectives. The initial round of murals was completed in 2021 in conjunction with the special exhibit [*POW! WOW! The First Decade: From Hawai‘i to the World*](#), and was expanded in May 2023 during the Hawai‘i Walls Mural Festival in Kalihi. The additional murals were inspired by the Kalihi community, local histories, and Bishop Museum’s cultural and scientific collections and resources.

- Thursdays-Tuesdays
[*Planetarium Shows*](#)
J. Watumull Planetarium

\$3 with General Admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Join us in the J. Watumull Planetarium to connect with the environment and people of the Pacific region, the expanse of our universe, and the stories we pass on from generation to generation.

2026 Winter Planetarium Shows through March 31, 2026:

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

- [March 2026 Sky Map](#) | Online Resource (also attached to this release)

Free downloads for personal use.

You and your ‘ohana can try your hand at backyard astronomy! The monthly Sky Maps from our J. Watumull Planetarium show the sky above Hawai‘i from about 8-10 p.m. HST. Hold the Sky Map above your head to align all four directions and discover which stars and constellations are visible this month.

- Weekdays, 10:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Program

[Hawaiian Garden Tour](#)

Nā Ulu o Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden and throughout the Museum campus

This program is coordinated and presented in Japanese. Limited capacity. Pre-registration three days prior is required. \$56 for General Admission. Museum Members receive a 10% discount.

Leisurely explore the grounds of Bishop Museum with our Asia Pacific Educators and learn about the plants of Hawai‘i! These tours are open to all Japanese-language speakers and include a hands-on kukui lei making workshop.

- Sunday, March 1, 2026, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. | Event

[Sounds of the Ocean](#)

J. Watumull Planetarium

\$20 General Admission; \$15 Students, Seniors, Military, and Youth under 12 years old.

Prepare to embark on an extraordinary journey that will immerse you in the wonders of the deep blue. Sounds of the Ocean, an award-winning immersive experience, invites you and your ‘ohana to a captivating fusion of art, music and mindfulness that will transport you to the heart of the ocean’s embrace. Get ready for an adventure like no other, where the beauty of the seas unfolds before your eyes.

Created by ocean activist, director and composer Joshua Sam Miller and co-director/Expressive Arts Facilitator Elise Lein, this experience immerses you in an enchanting underwater world. Every ticket helps support the Papahānaumokuākea Marine Debris Project, removing fishing nets and other waste from the largest protected marine area in the United States.

- Monday-Tuesday, March 2-3, 2026, 11 p.m. - 2:30 a.m. | Event

[Total Lunar Eclipse Viewing](#)

J. Watumull Planetarium

Free to the public. Attendees are asked to register to help provide an attendance headcount.

Set your eyes on the Moon as it passes through Earth's shadow in this total lunar eclipse! Totality, when the Moon will appear most visibly red, will be from 1-2 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd. Come gather with us on Bishop Museum's Great Lawn to observe this astronomical event, clouds permitting.

Jackets, mats, binoculars, and red-light flashlights are recommended. Planetarium previews and telescopic viewing will be available. This event is coordinated with the University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy.

- Sunday, March 8, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Public Program
[18th Annual Mālama Hāloa Kalo Festival & Symposium](#)
Throughout the Museum campus.

Free admission. Please register online.

The Mālama Hāloa Kalo Festival & Symposium is an opportunity to learn about the cultural significance of kalo, the importance of kalo today, the different varieties and how to take care of them. Every year, the Festival spotlights a specific 'ohana kalo, and this year, we celebrate kalo 'ohe.

Gather with kalo farmers, artists, cultural practitioners, natural science researchers, and community educators at the culminating festival to share knowledge and celebrate Native Hawaiian kalo varieties.

This program is presented in partnership with Ka Papa Lo'i 'o Kānewai and Ka Papa Lo'i 'o Punalu'u, and supported by the Kosasa Foundation.

- Friday, March 13, 2026, 3-6 p.m. | Membership Event
[Aloha Bricks '26: Stories of Hawai'i Members Preview](#)
Castle Memorial Building

Free event, exclusive to Bishop Museum Members. Capacity is limited.

Bishop Museum is excited to invite Museum Members to an exclusive preview of its newest exhibition, [Aloha Bricks '26: Stories of Hawai'i](#), a family-friendly exhibition celebrating the people, places, plants, animals, and legends that shape the islands. Be among the first to experience this special showcase, created in partnership with the Hawai'i LEGO® Users Group (HILUG) and middle school students from across the state!

Guests of Members are welcome to enjoy *Aloha Bricks '26* after the Members Preview with Museum After Hours programming.

- Friday, March 13, 2026, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program
[Museum After Hours](#)
Campuswide

\$10 pre-sale, \$15 at the door for General Admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Discover Bishop Museum in a whole new light! Once a month, Bishop Museum opens its 15-acre campus after sunset, inviting kama'āina and visitors to explore Hawai'i's rich cultural and natural

heritage in a vibrant evening setting.

- Explore the Museum's Signature Galleries.
- Enjoy our newest exhibitions in the Castle Memorial Building and J. M. Long Gallery.
- Support Hawai'i businesses at the [Kaiwi'ula Night Market](#), an expansion of our on-campus marketplace with an even greater selection of local food, drink, and dessert vendors, along with local artisans and craft makers.
- Engage with curated programming including a hands-on LEGO® workshop with AIA Honolulu, gallery tours of our [Explore EXCORE](#) exhibition, and shows in the J. Watumull Planetarium.

Come explore, learn, shop, and support local at Museum After Hours!

Museum After Hours programming is generously supported by Kona Brewing Hawai'i and Hawaiian Telcom.

- Friday, March 13, 2026, 5-7 p.m. | Public Program
[Grow Aloha: Plant Pickup](#)
Great Lawn

Free with online reservation.

[Grow Aloha](#) is a hui of plant adoption partners working together to restore Hawaiian plants and our relationships with them in urban areas. Bishop Museum is a proud partner and plant adoption site on O'ahu. Reserve a plant online and drop by the Grow Aloha tent at [Museum After Hours](#) to adopt a native plant for free.

Museum After Hours is held at Bishop Museum the second Friday of every month.

- Saturday, March 14, 2026, 10-11 a.m. | Public Program
[Kanikapila ma Kaiwi'ula](#)
Bowman Hālau Wa'a

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

E ho'okani pila kākou! Join members of the 'Ukulele Guild of Hawai'i in our Nā Ulu o Kaiwi'ula Native Hawaiian Garden. Bring your 'ukulele or borrow one. Learn new techniques, share mo'olelo, or just enjoy the music as 'Ukulele Guild of Hawai'i leads guests through selections from "He Mele Aloha: A Hawaiian Songbook."

- Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Program
[Lā Kūle'a: 'Auana](#)
Hawaiian Hall and Pākī 2

This program is coordinated and presented in Japanese. Limited capacity. Pre-registration two days prior is required. \$100 for General Admission. Museum Members receive a 10% discount.

Lā Kūle'a: 'Auana provides guests with a multi-faceted experience at the Museum. Open to all Japanese-language speakers, this culture program includes a hula 'auana (contemporary hula) experience, a private guided tour of Hawaiian Hall with an Asia Pacific Educator, as well as a

hands-on ti leaf lei-making workshop.

- Friday, March 27, 2026, 6:15-7:15 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. | Event
[The Stars Tonight: Trivia Dome](#)
J. Watumull Planetarium

Capacity is limited, and registration is required. \$10 General Adult, \$7 General Youth. Children 3 and under are free but will be expected to share a seat with an adult or guardian. 50% discount for Bishop Museum Members.

Study the stars, travel across the Earth and into our solar system, and share stories in our J. Watumull Planetarium! For March's program, the Trivia Dome returns with astronomy-focused quiz questions. Come by yourself, bring a teammate, or invite your stiffest competition along. Stargazing on the Great Lawn with the Hawaiian Astronomical Society after each show, weather permitting.

- Sunday, March 29, 2026, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. | Event
[Sounds of the Ocean](#)
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- Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Program
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Hawaiian Hall and Pākī 2

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Non-Museum Events

The following are facility rentals on Museum grounds, provided here for public knowledge.

- Saturday, March 14, 2026, 5-9 p.m. | Event

‘Ilaui Ka Hula 2026
Great Lawn

Looking past March, Bishop Museum is also excited to preview the following upcoming exhibits and public programs in 2026:

- April 2026 | New Exhibition — *Ea Mai ‘Eiwa (Here Are the Nine): Patterns of Practice*
- May 2026 | Celebrate Micronesia Festival
- May 2026 | Science and Sustainability Festival

Bishop Museum also holds [Daily Programs](#) for all guests, as well as in-person [J. Watumull Planetarium](#) shows. Its [Signature Galleries](#) include 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. For more information, please visit [BishopMuseum.org](#).

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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. Guests are encouraged to pre-plan their trip to #HawaiiisMuseum with its [free digital guide](#), available through Bloomberg Connects.

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.

[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 1,200 titles and distributed over 1 million books in 72 countries worldwide.

Past news releases can be viewed and downloaded at BishopMuseum.org/NewsRoom.



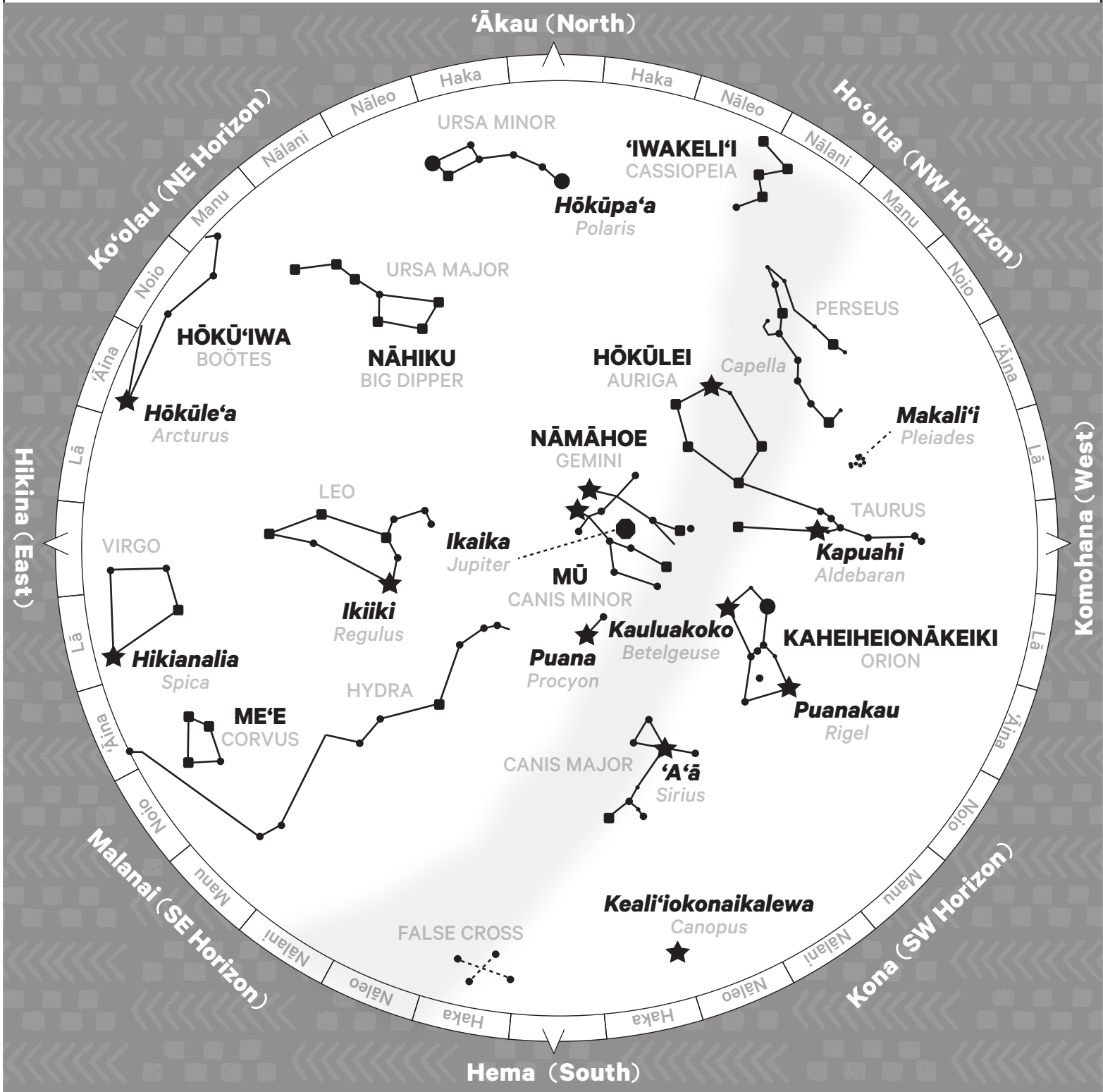
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Hawai'i's Sky Tonight

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STAR MAP KEY

- ★ 1st Magnitude ● 2nd Magnitude
- 3rd Magnitude ■ 4th Magnitude
- Planets

CONSTELLATION Star/Planet
Hawaiian Greco-Roman

HOW TO USE BISHOP MUSEUM'S STAR MAP

- 1 Find north in the sky by using the Big Dipper or Cassiopeia constellations.
- 2 Face north and hold the sky map directly in front of you with 'Ākau (North) at the bottom.
- 3 Look for stars in the northern sky.
- 4 To view other parts of the sky, turn to that direction and hold the sky map with that same direction at the bottom.



Hawai'i's Sky Tonight

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This Star Map is set for the latitude of O'ahu (21° N), but can be used for other Hawaiian islands, from Hawai'i (19° N) to Kaua'i (22° N).

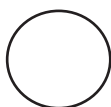
VIEWING TIMES FOR STAR MAP

10 PM
Early
Month

9 PM
Mid-
Month

8 PM
Late
Month

MARCH MOON PHASES



FULL
3/3



LAST
3/10



NEW
3/18



FIRST
3/25

NANA/WELO
'EPAKI MAHINA

MĀHEALANI
*An excellent time for
fishing and planting.*

'OLE PAU
*A poor time for
fishing and planting.*

HOAKA
*A good time for fishing,
poor for planting.*

'OLE KŪ KOLU
*A poor time for
fishing and planting.*

Hawaiian lunar phases courtesy of Kamehameha Publishing lunar calendar.

KAHEIHEIONĀKEIKI

Kaheiheionākeiki is a modern Hawaiian name for the constellation Orion. It resembles the mnemonic Hawaiian string game that children would play to memorize names and stories. Kaheiheionākeiki is a useful constellation to find direct east and west. The star Mintaka, within the middle of the belt, rises direct east and sets direct west.

HAWAIIAN LUNAR MONTH

"There were 360 days in a year. Ka po'e kahiko counted 30 days in each month of the 12 months of the year. There were 17 nights that were counted in groups and 12 counted separately, according to the phases of the moon."

—Samuel Mānaiakalani Kamakau, 1870

HAWAIIAN STAR & CONSTELLATION NAMES

Aldebaran: Kapuahi ("Fireplace")

Auriga: Hōkūlei ("Lei of Stars")

Canopus: Keali'iokonaikalewa ("The Chief of the Southern Skies")

Cassiopeia: 'Iwakeli'i ("The Great Frigatebird")

Gemini: Nāmāhoe ("The Twins")

Pleiades: Makali'i ("Little Eyes")

Polaris: Hōkūpa'a ("Stationary Star")

Sirius: 'A'a ("Burning Brightly")