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**Bishop Museum May 2025
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 May 2025 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 herein, please contact Lance Aquino with Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations, Inc.

May sees something lurking on Bishop Museum grounds ... the dinosaurs are back in Kaiwi‘ula with the opening of our newest exhibit, [*Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep!*](#) Plus, two of Bishop Museum’s signature public programs return — don’t miss out on the [Celebrate Micronesia Festival](#) and [Science & Sustainability Festival!](#)

- Opening May 24, 2025 | Exhibit
[*Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep*](#)
Castle Memorial Building

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members Patron level and above; discounted fee of \$3 for all other Membership levels and for guests of Members.

Dinosaurs are returning to Kaiwi‘ula! For the first time on O‘ahu, guests will be able to experience, up close and personal, oceanic and aquatic reptiles from the Jurassic period — along with favorites like the T-Rex and Stegosaurus. Designed by Stage 9 Exhibits, *Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep* features lifelike animatronic dinosaurs with realistic movement and sound.

Media Preview Opportunity on Thursday, May 22, 2025, 1-4 p.m.

Bishop Museum invites members of the media to attend an exclusive pre-opening, closed-door Media Preview of *Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep*. Please RSVP with Lance Aquino via the contact information above.

Interview opportunities include:

- Brandon Bunag, Bishop Museum vice president of public programs

- On view through May 4, 2025 | Exhibit
[*Hawai‘i Triennial 2025: ALOHA NŌ*](#)
Castle Memorial Building

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

The *Hawai‘i Triennial*, held every three years, is a statewide exhibition of contemporary art from Hawai‘i, the Pacific, and beyond. Bishop Museum is honored to once again be a participating venue, this year featuring the work of nine artists whose respective practices have a connection to cultural material and are informed by archival collections, including those of Bishop Museum.

- 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 | Exhibition
[*Kū a Lanakila! Expressions of Sovereignty in Early Territorial Hawai‘i, 1900-1920*](#)
J. M. Long Gallery

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Kū a Lanakila! Expressions of Sovereignty in Early Territorial Hawai‘i, 1900-1920 delves into the ways Kānaka ‘Ōiwi (Native Hawaiian people) asserted their presence and sovereignty during Hawai‘i’s early territorial period through cultural and political expressions. Featuring a stunning array of artifacts, including ‘ahu ‘ula (capes), lei hulu (feather lei), banners, and political ephemera, the exhibit highlights how Native Hawaiians engaged in public ceremony, competitive sports, and political activism to maintain their identity and agency in a time of profound change.

- Ongoing | Exhibit

Lalo: Science and Conservation in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
Science Adventure Center

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Lalo: Science and Conservation in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands tells the cultural and scientific significance of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) as the kūpuna islands of Hawai‘i. The exhibit features “The Ongoing Legacy of Coral Reef Exploration” and “The Lalo Plastic Story,” as well as 2D and 3D digital experiences that allow visitors to view terrestrial and underwater scenes and experience them as a series of immersive storylines about PMNM.

- Ongoing | Exhibit

Lele o Nā Manu: The Splendor and Loss of Hawai‘i’s Birds
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.

The opening of *Lele o Nā Manu* coincided with Ka Makahiki o nā Manu Nahele, the Year of the Forest Birds, a campaign to celebrate and raise awareness around Hawai‘i’s native forest birds.

- Ongoing | Installation

Faith and Philanthropy: Queen Emma Kaleleonālani in England
Hawaiian Hall

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Between 1865-1866, Queen Emma Kaleleonālani departed Hawai‘i for a year-long journey to England, her first and only international voyage. Her journey had a specific mission: fundraising for the construction of St. Andrew’s Cathedral, the seat of the Anglican Church in the Kingdom of Hawai‘i. *Faith and Philanthropy: Queen Emma Kaleleonālani in England* highlights research identifying items associated with Queen Emma’s travel and fundraising strategies, utilizing objects from multiple Bishop Museum collections to demonstrate not only the richness of Emma’s journey, but also the social, religious, and political spaces she navigated as a Hawaiian royal.

- 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 at Bishop Museum to connect with the environment and peoples of the Pacific region, the expanse of our universe, and the stories we pass on from generation to generation.

2025 Spring Planetarium Shows:

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

- [May 2025 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.

- [Hawaiian Garden Tour](#) | Program
Nā Ulu Kaiwi'ula Native Hawaiian Garden and throughout the Museum campus

This program is coordinated and executed in the Japanese language. Limited capacity and pre-registration 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.

- Thursday, May 1, 2025, 5-9 p.m. | Event

Hawaiian Airlines May Day 2025

Great Lawn

Tickets for the live concert are available for purchase at mele.com. The 7 p.m. live broadcast can be enjoyed on mele.com.

Hawaiian Airlines May Day 2025 presented by Mele returns to Bishop Museum's Great Lawn! This concert experience continues the annual Lei Day tradition by the Brothers Cazimero with Keauhou. The 19-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano award-winning group returns to headline alongside special guests, including Robert Cazimero, Hālau Nā Kamalei o Līlīehua, Kaipo Hale, Kuana Torres Kahele, and co-hosts, Billy V. and Debbie Nakanelua-Richards, director of community & cultural relations at Hawaiian Airlines.

- Saturday, May 3, 2025, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Public Program

Celebrate Micronesia Festival 2025

Throughout the Museum campus.

\$5 reduced admission for Kama'āina and Military. Free for Bishop Museum Members and keiki under 3 years of age. Pre-registration online is strongly recommended.

The Celebrate Micronesia Festival is a vibrant annual festival that brings together Micronesian voices and communities from across the Pacific for a day of music dance, art, food, and storytelling. The Festival honors the rich traditions and contemporary expressions 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.

Bring the whole 'ohana! Experience 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 Celebrate Micronesia Festival is hosted 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.

- Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Program

Lā Kūle'a: 'Auana

Hawaiian Hall and Pāki 2

This program is coordinated and executed in the Japanese language. Limited capacity and pre-registration 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, May 9, 2025, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program
[Museum After Hours: Ke kāhuli leo le‘a o ka nahele](#)
Throughout the Museum campus.

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

In partnership with the Mary Kawena Pukui Cultural Preservation Society, we celebrate the life, work, and legacy of our hero of cultural preservation, Mary Kawena Pukui. Mrs. Pukui spent more than 50 years documenting, translating, and compiling Hawaiian knowledge systems during a time when Hawaiian culture and traditions were being lost. Gather with us at Bishop Museum as contemporary haku mele share their processes inspired by the compositions of Mrs. Pukui.

This special Museum After Hours is part of our Nānā i ke Kumu program series, which highlights Mrs. Pukui’s unparalleled contributions to ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, mo‘olelo, hula, mele, and the perpetuation of ‘ike kupuna.

- Saturday, May 10, 2025, 10-11 a.m. | Public Program
[Kanikapila ma Kaiwi‘ula](#)
Nā Ulu Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden

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.”

- Friday, May 16, 2025, 6-8 p.m. | Event
[City Nature Challenge O‘ahu Meet-and-Greet](#)
Atherton Hālau

Free admission.

Following the 2025 City Nature Challenge (CNC) on O‘ahu, Bishop Museum is pleased to host a gathering for CNC participants, nature nerds, and anyone wanting to learn more about biodiversity. Make connections and share stories over food, drink, fun activities, and a special presentation. All ages are welcome!

CNC is an annual bioblitz-style event where cities around the world compete to document biodiversity on iNaturalist. The Challenge brings communities together to celebrate and learn about nature, capture a yearly snapshot of biodiversity, and promote citizen science. Bishop Museum, the University of Hawai‘i, and Mālama Mushrooms are hosts for our city region, which covers the entire island of O‘ahu.

- Friday, May 16, 2025, 7-8 p.m. | Event

[The Stars Tonight](#)

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.

Come study the stars, travel across the Earth and into our solar system, and share stories with us in our J. Watumull Planetarium! Stargazing on the Great Lawn with the Hawaiian Astronomical Society after the show, weather permitting.

- Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Program

[Lā Kūle‘a: ‘Auana](#)

Hawaiian Hall and Pāki 2

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- Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 4:30-8 p.m. | Event

[Kaiwi‘ula Night Market](#)

Visitor Parking 2

Free admission.

Join us every third Wednesday for the Kaiwi‘ula Night Market! It’s a new monthly opportunity for our shared community to gather at Bishop Museum. Come enjoy good eats and amazing crafts from our rotating list of local vendors.

The Kaiwi‘ula Night Market also acts as the O‘ahu pickup site for [Grow Aloha](#). Every month in 2025, reserve a plant online and drop by the Kaiwi‘ula Night Market to adopt a native plant for free.

- Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 5-8 p.m. | Public Program

[Grow Aloha: Plant Pickup](#)

Visitor Parking 2

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. Every month in 2025, reserve a plant online and drop by the Grow Aloha tent at the [Kaiwi‘ula Night Market](#) to adopt a native plant for free.

The Kaiwi‘ula Night Market is held at Bishop Museum every third Wednesday of the month.

- Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 7-8 p.m. | Event
[Navigating by the Stars](#)
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.

Join Bishop Museum Planetarium educators and Hōkūle‘a navigator and Honolulu Community College Ho‘okele Instructor Ka‘iulani Murphy for Navigating by the Stars! Each talk includes an introduction to the night sky and celestial navigation. The May presentation features the Hawaiian star line most prominent this month, Kaiwikuamo‘o.

- Friday, May 23, 2025, 5:30-9 p.m. | Event
[Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep Member Preview](#)
Castle Memorial Building & Gallery Lawns

Free event, exclusive to Bishop Museum Members. Guest allowance is determined by Membership level.

Are you ready for the Jurassic Seas? Dinosaurs are returning to Kaiwi‘ula, and for the first time on O‘ahu, guests will be able to experience oceanic and aquatic reptiles from the Jurassic period! Bishop Museum Members can experience the new exhibit for free before the crowds hit! The Member Preview is an exclusive evening event where all Bishop Museum Members can enjoy food, music, dino-themed activities, and explore [Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep](#) before it opens to the public.

- Saturday, May 31, 2025, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Public Program
[Science & Sustainability Festival 2025](#)
Throughout the Museum campus.

Reduced admission – \$5 for Kama‘āina and Military.

The Science & Sustainability Festival brings together Museum scientists, educators, cultural practitioners, and more than 40 community partners to highlight the ongoing work needed to protect our precious biodiversity and build a sustainable future for Hawai‘i. Enjoy a day of music, food, and science!

The 2025 Festival will also host the public opening of a new Signature Gallery at Bishop Museum, Kamāla‘ulahiwa. The new structure, adjacent to the Museum's Nā Ulu Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden, will be a community education space featuring new displays and

special programming to help inspire community members to expand their knowledge of traditional land management, local food security, and a sustainable future for Hawai‘i.

Non-Museum Events

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

- Saturday, May 17, 2025, 4-10 p.m. | Event
[Summer Sizzle Music Festival 2025](#)
Great Lawn

Looking past May, Bishop Museum is also excited to preview the following upcoming exhibits and public programs in 2025:

- July 31, 2025 | Welo Ka Hae Hawai‘i, Celebrating Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea
- August 2025 | E Ulu A Pa‘a Online Auction
- Aug. 8, 2025 | Mele After Hours Concert
- Aug. 22 2025 | New Exhibition – *EXCORE*

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, 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.

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 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.



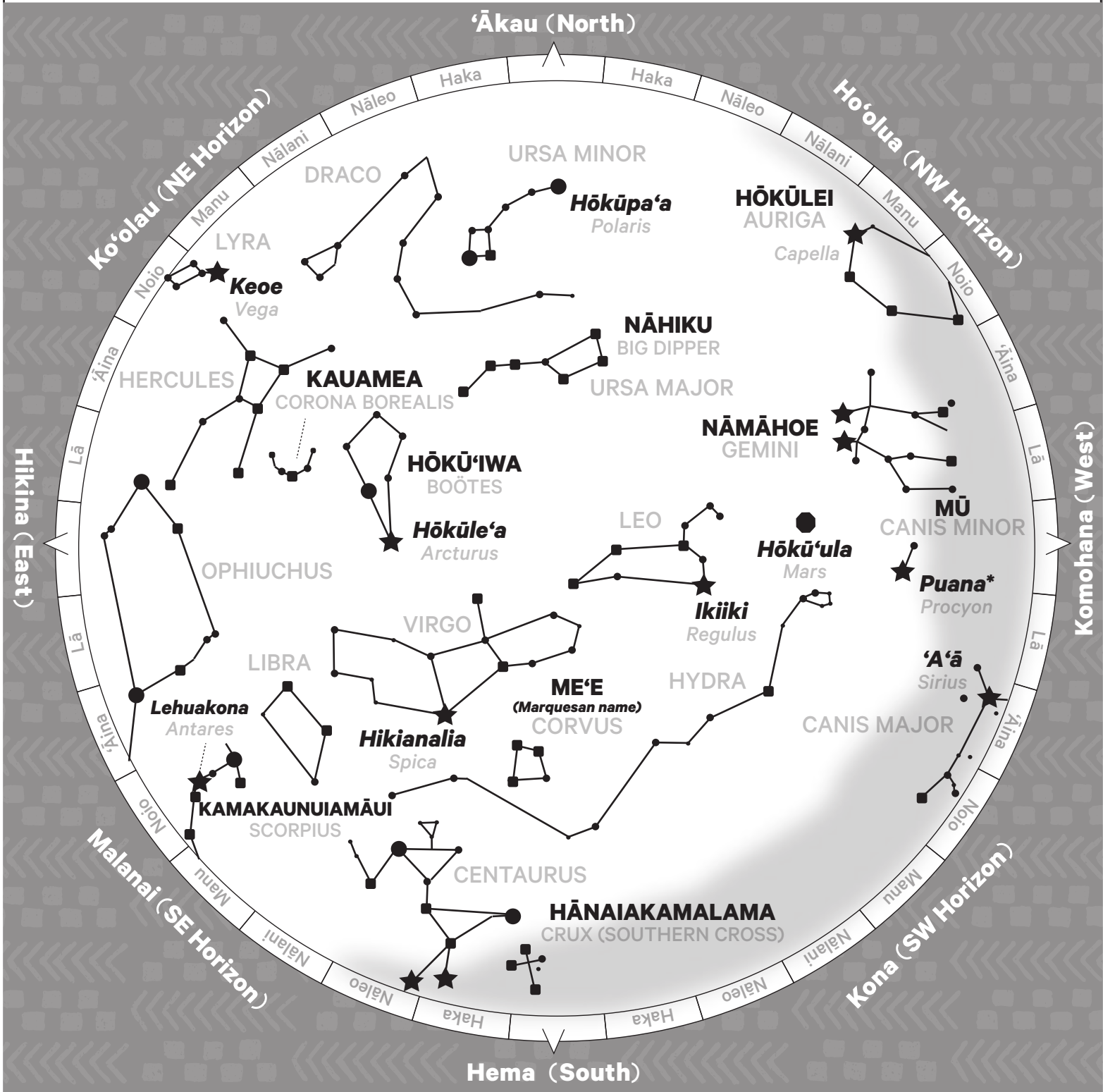
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Hawai'i's Sky Tonight

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STAR MAP KEY

- ★ 1st Magnitude ● 2nd Magnitude
- 3rd Magnitude ■ 4th Magnitude
- Planets (location mid-month)

CONSTELLATION Star/Planet
Hawaiian Greco-Roman

HOW TO USE BISHOP MUSEUM'S STAR MAP

- 1 Find north in the sky by using the pointer stars at the end of the Big Dipper's cup.
- 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

IKIIKI/
KA'AONA

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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

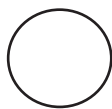
9 PM
Mid-
Month

8 PM
Late
Month

MAY MOON PHASES



FIRST
5/4



FULL
5/12



LAST
5/20



NEW
5/26

IKIIKI/KA'AONA
'EPAKI MAHINA

'OLE KŪ LUA
A poor time for
fishing and farming.

MĀHEALANI
An excellent time for
fishing and farming.

KĀLOA KŪ KAHĪ
A good time for
fishing and farming.

HILO
An excellent time
for fishing.

Hawaiian lunar phases courtesy of Kamehameha Publishing lunar calendar.

NĀHIKU

Nāhiku is the Hawaiian name for the northern celestial asterism Big Dipper. In 'ōlelo Hawai'i, hiku or 'ehiku refers to the number seven, an easy connection to the seven stars that make up Nāhiku. Nāhiku is essential in celestial navigation as a pointer to Hōkūpa'a, also known as the North Star, to the North Celestial Pole, and to the zenith star of Hawai'i, Hōkūle'a, also called Arcturus. The next time you look up into the night sky, try to find Hōkūpa'a or Hōkūle'a using Nāhiku.

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

Antares: Lehuakona ("Southern Lehua Blossom")

Gemini: Nāmāhoe ("The Twins")

Arcturus: Hōkūle'a ("Star of Joy")

Polaris: Hōkūpa'a ("Stationary Star")

Auriga: Hōkūlei ("Lei of Stars"); also the name of the star Capella

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

Crux (Southern Cross): Hānaiakamalama ("Cared for by the Moon")

Spica: Hikianalia (A navigation guide star)

* Puana, the modern Hawaiian name for Procyon, is based on the Māori "Puanga-hori." The star appears on the reverse.