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Bishop Museum November 2023 Exhibitions, Public Programs, and Events

Honolulu, Hawai'i — [Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum](#) shares its November 2023 exhibitions, public programs, and events. A full and continually updated listing can be found on the Museum's website, [BishopMuseum.org](#). For more information on any of the items listed herein, please contact Lance Aquino with Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations, Inc.

November sees the opening of the Museum's newest exhibition, [Project Banaba](#), on Nov. 4, 2023 in the J. M. Long Gallery.

November 2023

- Starting Nov. 4, 2023 | Exhibition
[Project Banaba](#)
J. M. Long Gallery

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Project Banaba commemorates the history of Banaba Island in the Pacific Ocean, which was destroyed by environmentally devastating phosphate mining during the 20th century. This led to the total relocation of its people in 1945, with the 78th anniversary of their displacement to be observed on Dec. 15, 2023 during the run of the exhibition. In *Project Banaba*, Banaban scholar and artist Katerina Teaiwa brings together rare historical archives and multimedia works that shed light on this little-known history, and its ongoing impact on Pacific communities.

Media Preview Opportunity on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, 1-4 p.m.

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

- Ongoing | Exhibit
[*Playing With Light*](#)
Castle Memorial Building

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Playing With Light, created by Scitech in Perth, Australia and produced by Imagine Exhibitions, combines LIGHT, a fundamental element in our everyday lives, and PLAY, a means to ignite the imagination, in this fun exploration into light technology.

- 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,” “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 | Installation
Fifty Years of Life: ‘Umeke from King Kalākaua’s Jubilee
Hawaiian Hall

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Fifty Years of Life: ‘Umeke from King Kalākaua’s Jubilee introduces three ‘umeke (bowls) that were gifted to King David Kalākaua for his 50th birthday on Nov. 16, 1886. The case also features a bust of Kalākaua made by sculptor Allen Hutchinson.

- 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.

- Ongoing | Community Partner Installation
[Parley AIR Station Hawai'i](#)
Great Lawn

Free. General Admission rates apply for access to all gallery spaces.

Bishop Museum hosts Parley for the Oceans' installation, Parley AIR Station Hawai'i, a collaborative community hub dedicated to inspiring and empowering a new generation of ocean ambassadors. This concept is realized in three key pillars of action — Avoid, Intercept, and Redesign. The Parley AIR Station Hawai'i is an invitation to take a role in the movement for ocean solutions.

- Saturdays-Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.
[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.

2023 Fall Planetarium Show Schedule:

10:30 a.m.	"The Hawaiian Sky Tonight"
11:30 a.m.	"Wayfinders: Waves, Winds, and Stars"
1:30 p.m.	"Moons: Worlds of Mystery"
3:00 p.m.	"Wayfinders: Waves, Winds, and Stars"

- Saturdays-Mondays, noon and 2:30 p.m. | Show
[Meet Me at the Hot Spot: Lava Melt Demo](#)
Science Adventure Center

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Join us in our Hot Spot Theater to learn about volcanoes and the creation of the Hawaiian Islands. Don't miss your chance to touch different lava rocks and explore the natural wonder of volcanoes in this unique show. See real molten lava poured out of our 2,000°F furnace!

- Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, 5:30-9 p.m. | Public Program
[Celebrating Project Banaba: Tribute to Teresia Teaiwa](#)
Hawaiian Hall & Gallery Lawns

\$5 General Admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Come celebrate the opening of our new exhibition, [Project Banaba](#), with a special evening of tribute to distinguished Banaban, I-Kiribati and African American scholar, poet, and activist, Teresia Teaiwa and her ongoing legacy. We'll have performances by BYUH I-Kiribati Dance Club, mele, poetry readings, and remarks from Katerina Teaiwa, and exhibition co-curators Healoha Johnston, Joy Enomoto, and Yuki Kihara.

- Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, 10:00-11:30 a.m. | Public Program
[Celebrating Project Banaba: Conversation + Tour w/ Katerina Teaiwa, Pelenise Alofa, and Tammy Tabe](#)
Gulab & Indru Watumull Atrium of Hawaiian Hall, J. M. Long Gallery

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Join us for a conversation on the opening day of our newest exhibition, [Project Banaba](#), to better understand the intergenerational work being done to address phosphate mining in the Pacific. Participating in the conversation are artist Katerina Teaiwa, Banaban elder and pioneering activist Pelenise Alofa, and Dr. Tammy Tabe of the Pacific Islanders in Development Program.

Also, explore *Project Banaba* with the featured artist and guest speakers after the discussion.

- Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, 5:30-9:00 p.m. | Public Program
FIFO at Bishop Museum — PATUTIKI: THE GUARDIANS OF THE MARQUESAN TATTOO
Atherton Hālau

Free admission.

Bishop Museum hosts the screening of “PATUTIKI: THE GUARDIANS OF THE MARQUESAN TATTOO” as a proud partner of FIFO: The International Oceanian Documentary Film Festival. Join us for light pūpū, film screening, and post-film conversation with filmmaker Heretu Tetahiotupa, Director of the Museum of Tahiti Mirama Bono, and other guest speakers.

“PATUTIKI” is a documentary film delving into the ritual art of Marquesan tattoo. With tattoo declared illegal by church and state, the last of the “black-skinned” elders found unique ways to guard their dying people’s precious history. Witness how a remote Southern Pacific islander people rediscover and celebrate their nearly lost identity by uncovering the cultural puzzles left behind through Patutiki, the art of Marquesan tattoo.

- Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, 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 will include an introduction to the night sky and celestial navigation, and feature the Hawaiian star line most prominent this month, Kalupeakawelo.

- Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program
[Bishop Museum After Hours: E Hō Mai Ka ‘Ike](#)
Great Lawn

\$5 pre-sale, \$10 at the door for General Admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Bishop Museum and the Edith Kanaka‘ole Foundation are proud to present a special After Hours to pay tribute to Aunty Edith Kanaka‘ole and her significant influence on oli in Hawai‘i today. Multiple generations of chanters from diverse practices gather to honor various genres of oli, both inside and outside Hawaiian Hall.

Join us for an evening of access to Hawai‘i’s Museum, paired with good eats, refreshing beverages, and programming perfect for Play Night with the keiki, or Date Night with that someone special.

- Friday-Sunday, Nov. 17-19, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Public Program
The ‘Ukulele Guild of Hawai‘i: The Hawaiian ‘Ukulele Experience
Gallery Lawn, Atherton Hālau, Gulab & Indru Watumull Atrium of Hawaiian Hall

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Come and join us for a weekend filled with ukulele fun and festivities! The Hawaiian ‘Ukulele Experience is a three-day event where local, national, and international ‘ukulele builders, players, collectors, and ‘ukulele lovers can come together!

- Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Event
Artist Spotlight with Patrick Ching
Shop Pacifica

Noted environmental artist and author Patrick Ching is coming to Bishop Museum! He will be signing art prints and books, and the first 20 people will be gifted an original line drawing of their favorite animal.

- Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Public Program
Lā Kū‘oko‘a at Bishop Museum
Gallery Lawn

Free admission.

Bishop Museum celebrates Lā Kū'oko'a, the Independence Day of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Commemorated for the first time on this day in 1843, Lā Kū'oko'a marks the date when the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Hawai'i was formally recognized by England and France through the signing of the Anglo-Franco Proclamation and through a verbal acknowledgement with the United States.

Celebrate the 80th year of the national holiday with mea 'ai, 'awa, mele, tribute presentations, and conversation provoking a contemporary understanding of how Hawaiian Independence is lived and perpetuated today.

Bishop Museum also holds [Daily Programs](#) for all guests, as well as in-person [J. Watumull Planetarium](#) shows. Its [Signature Galleries](#) include its 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 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 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.

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