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

November sees Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s storied 40-foot racing canoe, the A‘a, return to the ocean for the first time in more than a decade. All are welcome to [Ho‘i i ke Kai: Launch of the A‘a](#) which will take place at Ke‘ehi Lagoon at sunrise on Nov. 8, 2025. Also in November, Bishop Museum celebrates Lā Kū‘oko‘a, the Independence Day of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

- Ongoing | 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
[*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 have returned 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.

- 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 lālani hōkū, the four Hawaiian star lines, to navigate.

- 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.

- Ongoing | Installation

A Woman of the World: Bernice Pauahi Bishop in Europe, 1875-1876

Hawaiian Hall

Included with Museum admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

As a young child, Princess Bernice Pauahi Pākī was an ardent student of geography, art history, and world history. Between May 1875 and September 1876, she and her husband, Charles Reed Bishop, took an extended trip through America, the United Kingdom, and Europe. *A Woman of the World* examines some of Pauahi’s travel experiences by examining the manuscript material written and material culture collected by Pauahi between the autumn and winter months of 1875 and 1876.

- 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.

2025 Fall Planetarium Shows through Nov. 21, 2025:

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

- [November 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.

- Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays | Program
[Face to Face Encounter](#)
Castle Memorial Building

Included with Museum Admission. Free for Bishop Museum Members.

Meet Mo‘onui, Kaiwi‘ula’s resident prehistoric superstar, during the run of our exhibit, [Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep](#). Explore the exhibit to experience, up close and personal, oceanic and aquatic reptiles from the Jurassic period, then come say hello to Mo‘onui!

- 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.

- Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, 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.

- Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, 6 a.m. - noon | Event
[Ho‘i i ke Kai: Launch of the A‘a](#)
Ke‘ehi Lagoon Beach Park

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

Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s storied 40-foot racing canoe will return to the ocean for the first time in more than a decade. At sunrise on Nov. 8, 2025, the Museum is inviting any and all canoes, particularly koa wa‘a, to join the A‘a as it returns to the ocean. Wa‘a are also invited to paddle through the lagoon to honor the legacy of the A‘a.

The A‘a was recently featured in our [Kū a Lanakila! Expressions of Sovereignty in Early Territorial Hawai‘i, 1900-1920](#) exhibition. This exhibition was inspired by the story of the A‘a and how koa canoes played an important role in asserting Native Hawaiian traditions during the early territorial period. *Kū a Lanakila!* explored how Kānaka ‘Ōiwi engaged in public ceremony, competitive sports, and political activism to maintain their identity and agency in a time of profound change.

In continuing that legacy, the Museum invites supporters to gather to perpetuate the life of the A‘a as it returns to the ocean newly repaired. The recent repairs to the wa‘a were made possible by the Friends of Hōkūle‘a and Hawai‘iloa, Tay Perry, Ryan Olivares, and the Dowsett ‘Ohana.

- Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, 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 Kanu 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, Nov. 14, 2025, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program
[Museum After Hours: Ka‘ū Nui Hiehie i ka Makani](#)
Hawaiian Hall Complex and Gallery Lawns

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

Celebrate the life, work, and legacy of our hero of cultural preservation, Mary Kawena Pukui at

Museum After Hours!

In the Ka‘ū Nui Hiehie i ka Makani programming, we pay tribute to Mary Kawena Pukui’s beloved homeland of Ka‘ū — the place that formed her understanding of the world, her knowledge of our customs and practices, and her deep awareness of both the natural and spiritual realms. Join us for an evening of mele, mo‘olelo, and memories all honoring Mrs. Pukui’s enduring influence through the voices of her descendants, collaborators, and those inspired by her life’s work. Presenters include La‘akea Suganuma, Myrna Kamae, Kalani Meinecke, Emalia Keohokalole, and Kamehameha Schools Children’s Chorus.

This special Museum After Hours is presented in partnership with partnership with the Mary Kawena Pukui Cultural Preservation Society and 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.

- Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, 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.

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- Wednesday, Nov. 19, 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! The Market presents a monthly opportunity for our shared community to gather at Bishop Museum and 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, Nov. 19, 2025, 5:30-7 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, Nov. 19, 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 will include an introduction to the night sky and celestial navigation, and will feature the Hawaiian star line most prominent in November, Kalupeakawelo.

- Friday, Nov. 21, 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 each show, weather permitting.

- Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23, 2025 | Event
The ‘Ukulele Guild of Hawai‘i: The Hawaiian ‘Ukulele Experience
Bishop Museum Campus

Free with Museum Admission.

The Hawaiian ‘Ukulele Experience is a three-day event where you can gather with local, national, and international ‘ukulele builders, players, and collectors. Enjoy workshops, listen to great entertainment, interact and view one-of-a-kind custom instruments, and meet other ‘ukulele enthusiasts!

- Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025, 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.

- Friday, Nov. 28, 2025 | Public Program
Lā Kū‘oko‘a: Celebrating the Independence Day of the Hawaiian Kingdom
Bishop Museum campus

Free admission.

Bishop Museum celebrates Lā Kū‘oko‘a, the Independence Day of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Lā Kū‘oko‘a commemorates the date, November 28, 1843, 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.

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

- Dec. 17, 2025 | Kaiwi‘ula Night Market x Dino Nights
- Dec. 19, 2025 | E Ō, E Ka Wahine: Celebrating Ke Ali‘i Bernice Pauahi Bishop

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.

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. Bishop Museum hosts a restaurant and gift shop on campus, [Tūtū’s Place by Highway Inn](#) and [Shop Pacifica by Nā Mea Hawai‘i](#).

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



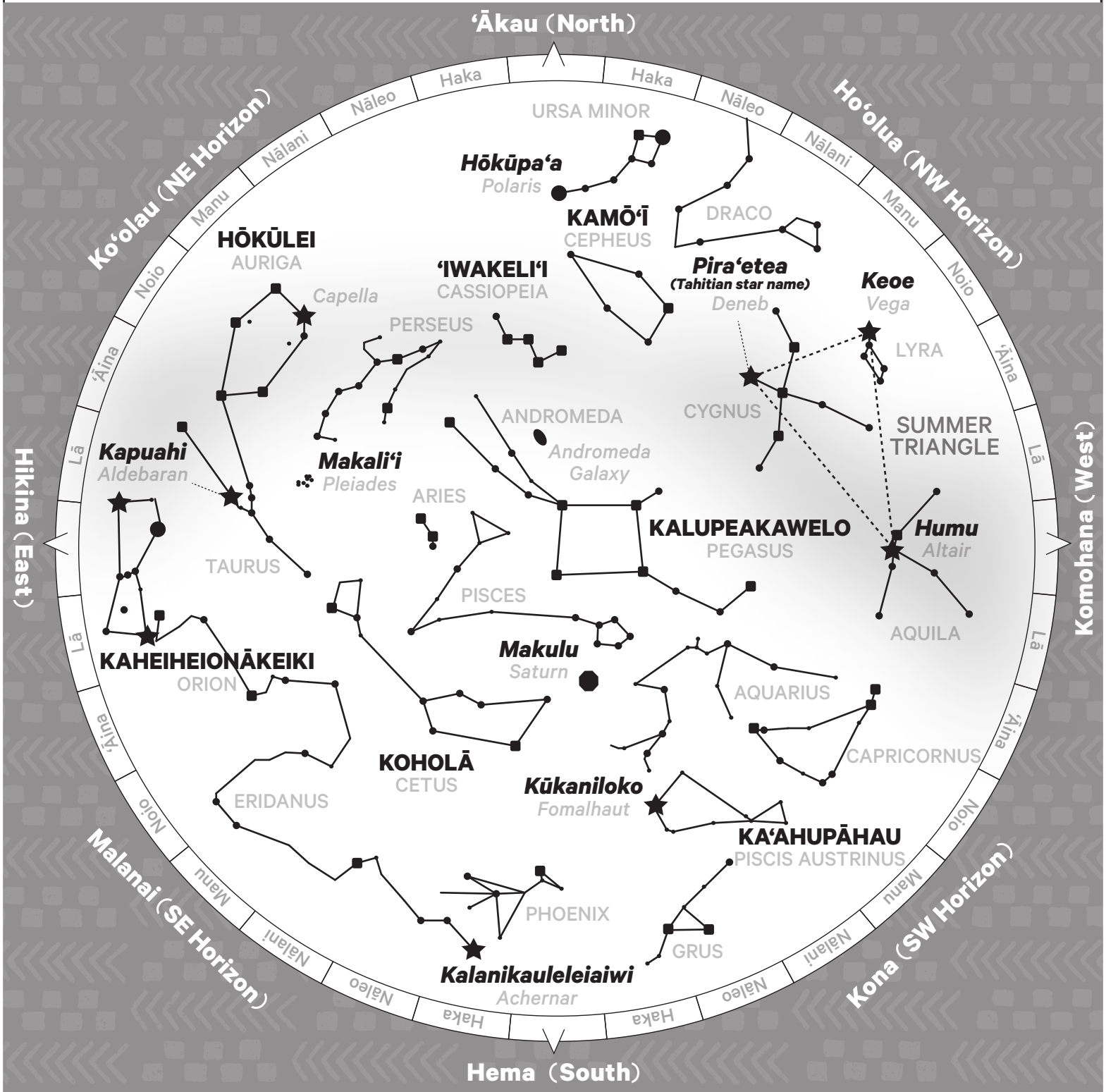
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Hawai'i's Sky Tonight

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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 looking for the W-shape of Cassiopeia.
- 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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MAKALI'I

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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).

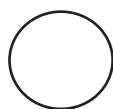
VIEWING TIMES FOR STAR MAP

10 PM
Early
Month

9 PM
Mid-
Month

8 PM
Late
Month

NOVEMBER MOON PHASES



FULL
11/5



LAST
11/11



NEW
11/19



FIRST
11/27

**WELEHU/
MAKALI'I**
'EPAKI MAHINA

MĀHEALANI
*An excellent time for
fishing and planting.*

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

HILO
*An excellent time for
fishing.*

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

Hawaiian lunar phases courtesy of Kamehameha Publishing lunar calendar.

MAKALI'I

Makali'i is the Hawaiian name for the star cluster commonly called the Pleiades within the northern celestial constellation of Taurus. While the name Makali'i can be translated in a number of ways, in one Hawaiian tradition, it is the name first belonging to a chiefly navigator who helped the high chief Hawai'iloa sail to and discover Hawai'i. In other Pacific cultures, the name Makali'i is a reference to the eyes of a chief, sometimes seen as Matariki or Mata Ariki. In the traditional understanding of seasons in Hawai'i, as Makali'i rises, the hot, dry season called kau wela gives way to the colder, wetter months of ho'oilo, also signaling the coming of the celebratory period called Makahiki.

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 ("Sacred fire")

Cetus: Koholā ("Humpback Whale")

Altair: Humu (Named after a navigator)

Orion: Kaheiheionākeiki ("The Cat's Cradle of the Children")

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

Pegasus: Kalupeakawelo ("The Kite of Kawelo")

Cepheus: Kamō'i ("The King")

Polaris: Hōkūpa'a ("Stationary Star")