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Bishop Museum ‘Ohana Expresses Grief and Support for Lahaina, Maui and Hawai‘i Island

*Museum to donate proceeds of its Moonlight Mele concert to recovery efforts,
and pledges to continue preserving the historical and cultural significance of Lahaina.*

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — The [Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum](#) Board and staff, known collectively as the Bishop Museum ‘Ohana, shocked and saddened by the devastating fires in Lahaina and on Hawai‘i Island, express its support for the people and businesses of its sister communities. It also pledges to continue its work of preserving and perpetuating the historical and cultural significance of Lahaina.

“The recent fires on Maui and Hawai‘i Island have affected all of us very deeply. Our hearts ache for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and precious memories that will never be recovered. We are a tight-knit and resilient community that comes together during times of pain and hardship. We are deeply moved by the efforts to provide relief to those who are affected.” — Janet Bullard, Bishop Museum vice president of advancement and marketing communications, and acting director of government relations.

To support these communities, Bishop Museum will be donating proceeds of [Friday night’s Moonlight Mele concert](#) to the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement Kāko‘o Maui as well as the American Red Cross of Hawai‘i.

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Starting Friday, Aug. 11 through Friday, Aug. 18, Bishop Museum will be accepting supply donations on behalf of Kāko'o Maui at its Shop Pacifica (the retail store at the entrance of the Museum). Donations will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (on Friday, Aug. 11, the night of the Moonlight Mele concert at Bishop Museum, donations will be accepted until 9 p.m.) A full list of most-needed supplies can be found [here](#).

Additionally, Bishop Museum pledges to help continue preserving and perpetuating the historical and cultural significance of Lahaina, and its importance in Hawai'i's history. Shared with this news release is a [video](#) by Bishop Museum Historian and Curator for the Archives DeSoto Brown, recorded on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, when much of the news of the devastation in Lahaina was developing.

DeSoto shares his personal thoughts on the tragedy as well as his thoughts as a historian, noting the suddenness and significance of this event and how it impacts our Islands' collective history. Over the coming weeks, DeSoto and the Museum will share its historical resources to help keep the memory of Lahaina alive, and contribute whatever they can in its rebuilding and recovery.

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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](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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