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**Bishop Museum Shares a Preview of Its
2025 Exhibitions, Public Programs, and Events**

Honolulu, Hawai‘i — Bishop Museum, the Hawai‘i State Museum of Natural and Cultural History, expresses its appreciation to members of the news media, Museum guests, and its global ‘ohana for their support in 2024, and invites all back to #HawaiiisMuseum in the coming New Year.

The Museum shares a preview of its 2025 exhibitions, public programs, and events, below. Bishop Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, except on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. For additional information and media opportunities, please contact Lance Aquino at Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations, Inc. via the information above.

Continuing from 2024

Through Jan. 12, 2025 | Castle Memorial Building Exhibition:

[Ka ‘Ula Wena: Oceanic Red](#) explores manifestations of red in the landscapes, memory, and created expressions of Oceania. Ka ‘Ula Wena originates in Hawai‘i, but we reach out to embrace our cousins across the vast Moananuiākea (Pacific Ocean). Explore how the color red weaves through the perspectives of Oceania, enriching our understanding of its significance in Hawaiian and broader Oceanic communities.

Through Aug. 10, 2025 | J. M. Long Gallery Exhibition:

[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. 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 | Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center Exhibit:

[***Lalo: Science and Conservation in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands***](#) tells the cultural and scientific significance of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) as the kupuna (ancestor) islands of Hawai‘i. Beneath the volcano in the Science Adventure Center, the exhibit includes “The Ongoing Legacy of Coral Reef Exploration,” “The Lalo Plastic Story,” and 2D & 3D Digital Experiences that show terrestrial and underwater scenes as a series of immersive storylines about PMNM.

Ongoing | Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center Exhibit:

[***Lele o Nā Manu: The Splendor and Loss of Hawai‘i’s Birds***](#) delves into the complex history of Hawaiian avian evolution, highlighting groundbreaking studies from the morphological work of Dr. Helen James to modern DNA analyses by scientists like Dr. Robert Fleischer, which have revealed surprising relationships and evolutionary timelines. The display also features avian-inspired artwork by Haruo Uchiyama, Patrick Ching, and Julian Hume that brings extinct species to life and connects visitors with today’s rare and critically endangered Hawaiian birds.

Through Spring 2025 | Hawaiian Hall 3rd Floor Treasure Case Installation:

[***Faith and Philanthropy: Queen Emma Kaleleonālani’s Visit to England, 1865-1866***](#) highlights new research identifying items associated with Queen Emma’s travel and fundraising strategies, demonstrating not only the richness of her journey but also the social, religious, and political spaces she navigated as a Hawaiian royal.

Ongoing | Campuswide Galleries:

Bishop Museum’s [**Signature Galleries**](#) include historic Hawaiian Hall, Pacific Hall, the Picture Gallery, the Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kāhili Room, the Nā Ulu Kaiwi‘ula Native Hawaiian Garden, the Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center, and the Museum’s Campus Murals.

Ongoing | Daily Programs:

Bishop Museum’s [**Daily Programs**](#) include English language tours of the Hawaiian Hall Complex at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday, as well as Hot Spot Theater shows on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at noon and 2:30 p.m., on the lower level of the volcano in the Richard T. Mamiya Science Adventure Center. Times and availability may vary.

[**Japanese language**](#) tours are available Monday through Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tours may also be available on weekday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., pending docent availability.

Ongoing | Planetarium Shows:

Bishop Museum’s [**J. Watumull Planetarium**](#) opened its doors on December 12, 1961 and has served over six million visitors and students over 60 years of continuous operation. Experience a Planetarium show in its theater as an add-on experience to Bishop Museum’s daytime general admission; as a standalone Special Evening Planetarium Show; or during various programs and events.

New in 2025

January

Friday, Jan. 10, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:

Museum After Hours: Traditions of the Pacific, Spotlight on *Ka ‘Ula Wena: Oceanic Red* Exhibition

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Friday, Jan. 17 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Saturday, Jan. 25, 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Public Program:
No Ka Poli o Hi‘ilei: Honoring Charles Reed Bishop

February

NEW Castle Memorial Building Exhibition | *Hawai‘i Triennial 2025*

- Thursday, Feb. 13, 1-4 p.m. | Media Preview (news media, please contact Lance Aquino to RSVP)
- Friday, Feb. 14, 5 p.m. | Member Night
- Friday, Feb. 14, 5 p.m. | Museum After Hours: *Hawai‘i Triennial 2025*
- More *Hawai‘i Triennial* public programs and events to come!

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“Navigating By the Stars”

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Friday, Feb. 28- Sunday, March 2 | Public Program:
Mālama Hāloa Festival

Friday, Feb. 21 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Spring

Dates and times TBD | Regional Outreach Event:
Chicago gathering at Field Museum to view the *Chicago’s Legacy Hula* exhibition

March

Date and times TBD | NEW Signature Gallery:
Bishop Museum Keiki Garden

Date and times TBD | NEW J. Watumull Planetarium Exhibit:
Wayfinders: He Wa‘a He Moku, He Moku He Wa‘a (Planetarium rotunda)

Friday, March 14, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:
Museum After Hours: Hōkūle‘a 50th Birthday Spotlight

Saturday, March 15 – Sunday, March 16, times TBD | Regional Outreach Event:
Arizona Aloha Festival, Tempe Town Lake

Wednesday, March 19, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Friday, March 21 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

April

Friday, April 11, times TBD | Mary Kawena Pukui Society Event:
Mary Kawena Pukui Society Luncheon

Friday, April 11, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:
Museum After Hours: Mary Kawena Pukui Spotlight

Thursday, April 17, 5:30-8 p.m. | Membership Event:
An Evening With DeSoto Brown

Friday, April 18 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Wednesday, April 19, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

May

Thursday, May 1, times TBD | Event:
May Day Concert

Saturday, May 3, times TBD | Public Program:
Celebrate Micronesia Festival

Friday, May 9, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:
Museum After Hours: TBD

Friday, May 16 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m. | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“Navigating By the Stars”

Wednesday, May 21, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

NEW Castle Memorial Building Exhibit | *Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep*

- Thursday, May 22, 1-4 p.m. | Media Preview (news media, please contact Lance Aquino to RSVP)
- Friday, May 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Member Preview
- More *Expedition Dinosaur: Into the Deep* public programs and events to come!

June

Saturday, June 7, times TBD | Public Program:
Science & Sustainability Festival: Year of the Community Forest

Friday, June 13, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:
Museum After Hours

Wednesday, June 18, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Thursday, June 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Membership Event:
A Night Behind the Scenes

Friday, June 20 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Saturday, June 28 – Sunday, June 29, times TBD | Regional Outreach Event:
San Diego Ho‘olaule‘a, NTC Park, Liberty Station

July

Friday, July 11, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:
Museum After Hours: *Expressions of Sovereignty* Exhibition Spotlight

Wednesday, July 16, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Friday, July 18 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Thursday, July 31, times TBD | Public Program:
Welo Ka Hae Hawai‘i, Celebrating Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea, Hawaiian Sovereignty Restoration Day

August

Dates and times TBD | Online Fundraiser:
E Ulu A Pa‘a Online Auction

Friday, Aug. 8, times TBD | Event:
Mele After Hours Concert

Friday, Aug. 15 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“Navigating By the Stars”

Wednesday, Aug 20, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Saturday, Aug. 23, times TBD | Fundraising Event:
E Ulu A Pa‘a Gala Dinner

Day and times TBD | Event:
With the closing of the *Expressions of Sovereignty* exhibition, Prince Kūhio’s 40’ wa‘a (canoe) will be taken into the ocean for the first time in more than 20 years.

NEW J. M. Long Gallery Exhibition | *EXCORE*

- Thursday, Aug. 21, 1-4 p.m. | Media Preview (news media, please contact Lance Aquino for more information)
- Date and times TBD | Member Preview

September

Dates and times TBD | Regional Outreach Event:
Seattle Live Aloha Hawaiian Cultural Festival

Friday, Sept. 12, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:
Museum After Hours: *EXCORE* Exhibition Spotlight

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Friday, Sept. 19 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Date and times TBD | Public Program:
Kāhuli Festival: Partners for Preserving Biodiversity

October

Friday, Oct. 10, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:
Museum After Hours: Movie showing

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Friday, Oct. 17 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

November

Friday, Nov. 14, 5-9 p.m. | Public Program:
Museum After Hours: TBD

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“Navigating By the Stars”

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Friday, Nov. 21 | Evening Showtimes Vary | J. Watumull Planetarium Show:
“The Stars Tonight”

Friday, Nov. 28, times TBD | Public Program:
I Mau ke Ea, Lā Kū‘oko‘a, Independence Day of the Hawaiian Kingdom

Day and times TBD | Online Shopping:
Bishop Museum Press Holiday Sale

December

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 5-9 p.m. | Event:
Kaiwi‘ula Night Market

Friday, Dec. 19, times TBD | Public Program:
Museum After Hours: E Ō, E Ka Wahine: Celebrating Bernice Pauahi Bishop Spotlight

Additional information and updates can be found on Bishop Museum's website, BishopMuseum.org.

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About Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, the State of Hawai'i Museum of Natural and Cultural History:

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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