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WINDWARD HO'OLAULE'A SET FOR SEPT. 27

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The 8th annual Windward Ho'olaule'a Saturday, Sept. 27, promises to be "the best one yet" with an entertainment line-up of Na Hōkū Hanohano award winners, unique island crafts and food booths, an expanded silent auction, keiki games, and high-tech Imaginarium shows to take visitors on tours of the universe.

The celebration, one of the largest community events on the Windward side of O'ahu, runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Windward Community College's campus and is coordinated by WCC and the Kaneohe Business Group. Admission is free.

Among the featured entertainers are rising star Hoku Zuttermeister, winner of four 2008 Na Hōkū Hanohano awards, including "most promising artist" and "male vocalist of the year"; Cyril Pahinui, 2008 winner for "best island music album"; Kaukahi, winner of four Hōkūs in 2007, including "group of the year"; and Pilioha, a 2008 nominee for "group of the year."

"Our theme this year is "Pūlama ka hanauna hou - Nurturing the Next Generation," said Ho'olaule'a chair Sandi Oguma. "The event will feature something for the whole family, with an emphasis on WCC's programs, local businesses and crafters, and entertainers with ties to this side of the island.

“We’re also showcasing a new generation of musical talent and helping to support education.”

Proceeds from this year’s silent auction will go to establish the college’s first general scholarship endowment for WCC students.

“The response has been really heart-warming,” said silent auction chair Sandy Kurosaki. “We know times are bad, but people have been coming out of the woodwork to help.”

Among the items up for bid at the silent auction will be round trips to Maui on the Hawai‘i SuperFerry; a 2008 Nissan Versa and two other cars; a timeshare stay in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; tickets to WCC’s fall production of “Miss Saigon” and other theater shows; a Kaneohe Bay cruise package; a private showing at WCC’s Imaginairum for up to 66 people; special family passes to the Honolulu Zoo, Honolulu Academy of Art, and Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park; gift certificates from restaurants, hotels; jewelry, and much more.

Several well-known artists, including Hiroshi Tagami, Michael Powell and Gary Reed, will be at the event to talk about their work and other artists’ work will be featured for sale in a special “art corner.”

“WCC is the youngest of the UH community colleges and at a critical point in its development,” said KBG president and WCC professor Libby Young. “Our members feel the college has tremendous potential and wanted to create a lasting legacy for Windward students, to encourage them to pursue a college education.

“We’re very proud of this partnership between the business group and the college. It gives us a chance to work together and combine our talents for the good of the community.”

Several of the displays will focus on WCC programs in the sciences, arts and Hawaiian culture. The Botany Club will offer tips on orchid care while the WCC Employment Training Center will provide advice on auto body restoration.

The Ho‘olaule‘a also will have a used book and white elephant sale as well as interactive exhibits from community organizations.

The Windward Ho‘olaule‘a recently won a prestigious 2008 “Keep It Hawai‘i” award from the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority “for demonstrating a commitment to the growth and development of the Hawaiian culture.”

Any business interested in donating a product or service is welcome to call silent auction co-chair Sandy Kurosaki at 265-2016 or email sandykurosaki@mac.com.

For more details, check the web site at www.windward.hawaii.edu/hoolaulea,

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WINDWARD HO‘OLAULE‘A 2008 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

9:15 – 10 a.m. – Na Kupuna O Ko‘olau

10:15 – 11 a.m. – Pila Nahenahe

11:15 - noon - Royal Hawaiian Band

12:15 - 1 p.m. – Hawai‘i Loa

1:15 – 2 p.m. – Halau Hula O Napunahaeleapua

2:15 - 3 p.m. – The Geezers

3:15 – 4 p.m. – WCC slack key students

4:15 – 5 p.m. – Halau Hula O Na Wahine

5:15 – 6 p.m. – Hoku Zuttermeister

6:15 – 7 p.m. – Cyril Pahinui and friends

7:15 – 8 p.m. – Pilioha

8:15 – 9 p.m. – Kaukahi

