

# Eisa Festival

## Saturday, May 14, 2011 6:00 -9:00 pm

A special celebration of Okinawan drumming was held on the Great Lawn of Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The program started at 6 pm and ended at 9 pm. This free event was sponsored by KCC's Office of Student Activities and was organized by Shari Tamashiro with advisors Norman Kaneshiro and Derek Shiroma. People brought goza and chairs and relaxed under the stars while enjoying an evening of drumming.



Eisa is a form of dance and drumming unique to Okinawa. Participating eisa groups were Chinagu Eisa Hawaii, Hawaii Eisa Chimugukuru Daiko Hawaii and the Young Okinawans of Hawaii. Kenny Endo's Taiko Center of the Pacific and the Paranku Club of Hawaii performed as special guests.



There was also a gathering of the Shisa (Lion Dogs).





HOL members participated in a special performance of the paranku brigade!



There was plenty of food and drinks, games for the kids and Okinawan items for sale.



Thelma and Val make a sale of the Chimukuguru cookbook, and the ever fervent salesperson Wendy tries to get a youngster to purchase one.

Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook go toward Cultural grants.



Some of the HOL members who participated in the Paranku brigade.

