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26TH OKINAWAN FESTIVAL UPDATE

CONSTRUCTION STARTS TODAY!

4 DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE OKINAWAN FESTIVAL!

www.okinawanfestival.com

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Contact us at huoa@huoa.org or call 676-5400

Construction & Set Up Schedule

Tuesday, August 26, 8 am to 4:30 pm
unload containers and begin construction

Wednesday - Friday, August 27, 28, 29:
8 am to 4:30 pm
construction continues

Monday, September 1, begins at 8 am
breakdown, load containers, clean festival grounds

Nurses & Doctors Needed for Festival

To help with Blood Pressure Screening and First Aid at the Okinawan Festival. Your assistance is greatly needed! Please contact Eleanor Miyasaki at 455-9882.

If you can assist please contact the HUOA Office at 676-5656 or email to huoa@huoa.org.

FESTIVAL HOURS

Saturday, August 30, 2008 8:30 am – 9:30 pm

Children's Games close at 5:00 pm

Most food booths & tents close at 6:00 pm

Okinawa Soba & Andagi Booths open until 8:00 pm

Live Entertainment

at Kapiolani Park Bandstand: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Enjoy continuous live performances by entertainers from Okinawa and local Okinawan groups from Hawaii. Performers from Okinawa include Mamoru Miyagi, and Radio Okinawa's Miuta Taisho Grand Prix winner, Tatsuya Shimabukuro & the Tokonatsu Band. Unfortunately, the previously announced performance of Eguchi Sein'in Kai, a dynamic taiko group from Chatan, has been cancelled.

Bon Dance

at Kapiolani Park Field: 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Pull out your kimono and happi coats and join the HUOA community at the annual Festival Bon Dance! Hundreds of participants dance the night away honoring their ancestors. Don't worry about not knowing how to bon dance, bon dancing is not only fun, it's easy to learn!

PARK FOR FREE & RIDE HUOA'S OKINAWAN FESTIVAL SHUTTLE BUS FOR \$1

The HUOA's Okinawan Festival Shuttle Bus will run continuously during the Festival. Park free Kapiolani Community College and ride roundtrip for \$1 in a cool air conditioned bus to Kapiolani Park. There is a storage compartment on the side of the bus for baby strollers and large bags. In addition, the bus drivers will happily assist passengers in getting on and off the bus.

Shuttle Drop Off & Pick Up Locations

Kapiolani Community College:
Waikiki end, near Diamond Head Road
Kapiolani Park: Monsarrat Avenue

Saturday, August 30: 7:00 am – 10:30 pm

Last departure from Kapiolani Park at 10:30 pm

Sunday, August 31: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Last departure from Kapiolani Park at 6:00 pm

Celebrity Kachashi Dance

Following Opening Ceremonies

Celebrating the Okinawan Culture – participants Congressman Neil Abercrombie, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, United Japanese Society President Dennis Kanemori, KITV 4's Shawn Ching & Jill Kuramoto, KGMB 9's Steve Uyehara and more!

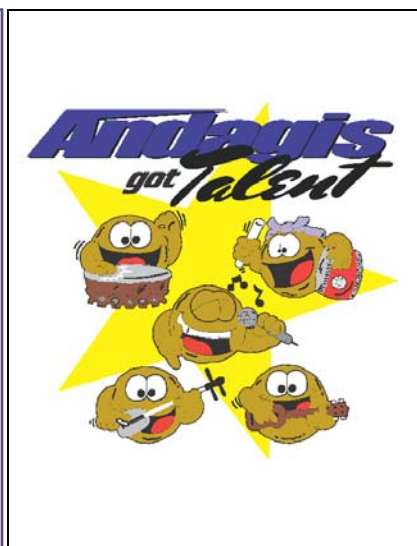
Sunday, August 31, 2008 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Craft Gallery and Children's Games close at 4:30 pm

Live Entertainment

at Kapiolani Park Bandstand: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Another great day of continuous live performances by Okinawan groups from Hawaii at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand. Local taiko, traditional Okinawan dance, sanshin, koto and karate groups show their stuff on Sunday. Special guest from Okinawa, Tatsuya Yasuda, famed musician and dancer, will have a segment with local performers Sosaku Taiko Ryukyu Yuihana. Yasuda traveled Europe as a circus performer, and now studies sanshin, music and folk dances of Okinawa.



FESTIVAL T-SHIRT FOLDING NIGHT

Thursday, August 28, 2008 6:30 pm

Hawaii Okinawa Center

Above are a few of the designs that are on this year's Okinawan Festival T-Shirts. You can buy them at the Festival T-Shirt Booth or come to the

T-Shirt Folding Night on August 28 at 6:30 pm, help fold shirts and after the folding is completed, you can buy some before the Festival!

OTHER FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Click links to view information.

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