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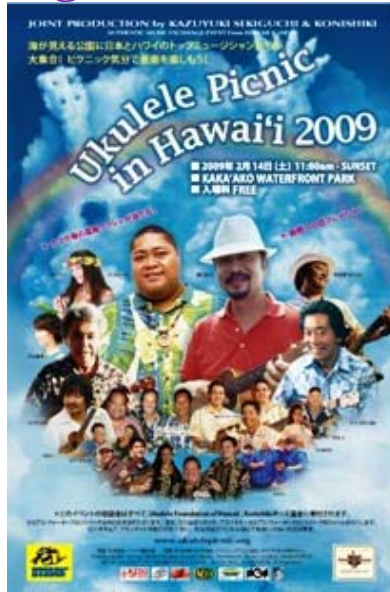
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## Masa Shimabukuro of Begin in Hawaii!

For you Begin fans out there, Masa Shimabukuro will be in Hawaii this weekend for the Ukulele Picnic in Hawaii!

You'll also have the chance to see Kazuyuki Sekiguchi of Southern All Stars, Konishiki, Manoa DNA and more perform for free!

Enjoy an afternoon at Kakaako Park, enter for a chance to win one of three Pineapple Ukulele autographed by Mr. Sekuguchi, Minato's Restaurant gift certificates, and koi from Japan!



### Ukulele Picnic in Hawaii 2009

February 14: 11am – sunset

Kakaako Waterfront Park & Amphitheatre

Free ample parking

Free round trip shuttle from Waikiki  
Duty Free

A benefit for Ukulele Foundation of Hawaii and Konishiki Kids Foundation

## Hello Parade Marchers? We need you!



### **Honolulu Festival Grand Parade**

March 15, 2009

Assembly time: 3:30 pm at Fort DeRussey

FREE bus service from Hawaii Okianwa Center, Pearl City Recreation Center & Jikoen Temple. [Information Flyer](#)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Marukai – Save the Date!

**April 9, 2009**

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Marukai Wholesale Mart, Dillingham location

Presale price: \$85, after March 27: \$95

**PRESALE EVENT TICKETS AVAILABLE AT HUOA OFFICE. Contact us at 676-5400 or [huoa@huoa.org](mailto:huoa@huoa.org) to purchase.**

You will be receiving the equivalent of \$85 of food and beverage sampling at this event.

### **MAKE DONATION FOR PRIZE TICKETS**

A donation of \$10 per ticket (or 10 tickets for \$80) is suggested for the prize drawing - for a chance at winning the Grand Prize: a Marukai Tour to Japan! Prize tickets only available for purchase online or at the door. Proceeds will benefit the four Japanese cultural and business organizations.

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