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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Marukai

**Tickets now available!**

A benefit for **HUOA**, **JCCH**, **HJCC** & **HJJCC**.

**Event date: April 9, 2009**

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Marukai Wholesale Mart, Dillingham location

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

**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) for the prize drawing. Prize tickets only available for purchase online ([www.marukaihawaii.com](http://www.marukaihawaii.com)) or at the door. Proceeds from prize tickets will benefit HUOA and the three Japanese cultural and business organizations.

**INCREDIBLE PRIZES**

- JAL roundtrip airfare to Japan for two
- \$500 in free 76 gasoline
- 37" flatscreen HDTV
- Marukai Sake Club membership (\$250)
- And much, much more!

**FABULOUS FOOD, DRINKS & CUISINE!**

- Okinawan cuisine from **Off the Wall Restaurant**
- Japanese cuisine from Zen Shu Izakaya Restaurant & Sports Bar
- Samplings from island's widest selection of sake brands
- Special samplings of Shochu and Kumejima Kumesen Awamori
- Sampling of Japan brewed Kirin beer

**PARKING**

Trolley Service available at Puuhale Elementary School. Parking attendants & security will be positioned at the school.



[Kimutaka no Amawari Performance at Hawaii Okinawa Center](#)

Photographs by Reid Shimabukuro



[2008 Uchinanchu of the Year and 59<sup>th</sup> HUOA Installation Banquet at Hawaii Okinawa Center](#)

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**Calling All Parade Marchers! We need you on March 15!**



## 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](#)

Call HUOA (676-5400) to sign up for bus service.

In addition to the parade, HUOA will have a booth at the Honolulu Festival Fair at the Hawaii Convention Center on March 14 & 15. For more information about the Honolulu Festival, please visit their website at

[www.honolulufestival.com](http://www.honolulufestival.com)

## Okage Sama De DVD

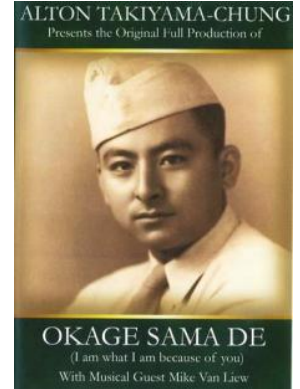
(I am what I am because of you)

by Alton Takiyama-Chung

Okage Sama De tells five historical stories of astounding courage and integrity. Performed by award-winning storyteller Alton Chung, the stories share the experiences of Nisei during WWII of Ted Tanouye, Chiune Sugihara, Solly Ganor, and our own Takejiro Higa.

Available at Hawaii Okinawa Center!

*For each DVD sold, \$5 will be donated to the Hawaii Okinawa Plaza Project*



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