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**Moanalua Gardens Foundation Continues New Tradition of Hula  
With Celebration of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival at Iolani Palace**

Honolulu, Hawai'i

**Ka Hanohano O Kamehameha...The Glory of Kamehameha**, the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival, will be returning to Iolani Palace on Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., announced Moanalua Gardens Foundation (MGF), the festival's presenter. The largest non-competitive hula event in Hawai'i, the festival honors Prince Lot Kapuāiwa, who helped reprise hula and reigned as Kamehameha V from 1863 to 1872.



Admission to the Palace during the festival will be free.

“We are honored to be invited back to Iolani Palace to celebrate two days of hula on these sacred grounds, where our ali`i, including Prince Lot, maintained their official residences,” said Alika Jamile, MGF Executive Director and President.

“We can't think of a better place than Iolani Palace to showcase two days of great hula performed by some of Hawaii's premier hālau hula,” Jamile continued. “We encourage the entire community to join us for 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival at Iolani Palace.”

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“We are very pleased to continue our partnership with the Moanalua Gardens Foundation to once again host the Prince Lot Hula Festival on the grounds of Iolani Palace,” said Kippen de Alba Chu, Executive Director of Museum Operations for Iolani Palace. “Hula has always been an integral part of many Palace celebrations and the festival will carry on this time-honored legacy.”

Founded in 1978 by MGF as a gift to the community, the festival now attracts thousands of residents and visitors each year. Opening ceremonies on Saturday will include the Royal Order of Kamehameha, presentation of MGF’s *Malia Kau Award* to renown Nā Kumu Hula Nalani and Pua Kanaka’ole, followed by an impressive line-up of premier hālau hula (hula groups) who will perform both kāhiko (ancient) and ‘auana (contemporary) hula.

Hālau from every major island will be participating and their kumu have been encouraged to include dancers from their out-of-state branches.

On Sunday, MGF will honor respected chanter Kalena Silva with its *Namakahelu Oli Award* as part of the opening program. The event will also feature a Hawaiian-themed craft fair, cultural demonstrations, and more.



Local food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day. Limited edition tee shirts and souvenir *kōkua* buttons will be on sale. Proceeds from these merchandise sales will help cover the costs of the festival.

The public, and visitors, are welcome and encouraged to bring their beach chairs and mats and enjoy the fun, food and festivities in the magnificent setting of Iolani Palace. **Commercial photography is not allowed.**

Festival sponsors and supporters include the Hawaii Tourism Authority, State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the City and County of Honolulu, Iolani Palace, Hawaiian Airlines, Matson Navigation, Pasha Hawaii, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau, O'ahu Visitors Bureau, the Honolulu Star Advertiser, MidWeek, 'Ōlelo Community Media, Urgent Care Hawaii and others.

Participating hālau and a festival performance schedule will be announced at a later date. For more information, please visit MGF's website at [www.moanalugardensfoundation.org](http://www.moanalugardensfoundation.org) or call 808.839.5334.

A non-profit organization founded in 1970, Moanalua Gardens Foundation (MGF) is committed to preserving and perpetuating the native culture and environment of Hawai'i through education and stewardship of Kamananui (Moanalua) Valley and celebration of the Prince Lot Hula Festival at Iolani Palace. MGF depends upon grants and donations to cover festival costs. To make a donation or become a member please visit [www.moanalugardensfoundation.org](http://www.moanalugardensfoundation.org).

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