



MAUI, KAPALUA

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THE RITZ-CARLTON MAUI, KAPALUA HOSTS 30TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS, APRIL 15-16

Iconic Luxury Resort Invites Residents and Visitors to Embrace
Authentic Hawaiian Culture and Traditions

KAPALUA, MAUI, HI (March 17, 2022) – The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua is proud to announce the 30th annual Celebration of the Arts will be taking place at the resort from April 15-16, 2022. Celebration of the Arts is Hawai'i's top arts and cultural festival celebrating the spirit of aloha through more than 60 of the state's top artisans, educators, cultural practitioners, speakers, and entertainers. It is the only event of its kind in the Hawaiian Islands. This year's theme "Mauka to Makai... Everything is Connected" focuses on global climate change and bridges all aspects of life together through educational experiences and a spiritual renewal.

"The best way to experience Hawai'i and understand our culture is through the eyes of our people," said Clifford Nae'ole, Hawaiian Cultural Advisor at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, who has served as the event chair for the past 30 years. "After producing virtual events last year, we are excited to welcome Hawaiian cultural experts and craftspeople back to Kapalua to create enriching, emotional experiences that will last a lifetime. I have no doubt that the 30th annual Celebration of the Arts will be the best one yet."

New in 2022, guests can enjoy a fashion show featuring Maui's top designers, and witness how traditional Hawaiian art and hula inspire their creations. The acclaimed Celebration of Island Tastes will be an evening to remember, as the Carmen Hulu Lindsey Leo Ha'iha'i Falsetto Contest, the first female falsetto contest in Hawai'i, is paired with the event for the first time.

For those seeking active experiences, guided hikes and native planting tours will be offered at Pu'u Kukui Watershed, Hawai'i's largest private nature preserve and home to rare and endangered flora and fauna. Tours of Maui's voyaging canoe, Mo'okiha O Pi'ilani, will be offered by Hui O Wa'a Kaulua, Maui's voyaging canoe society.

Admission to the 30th annual Celebration of the Arts is complimentary and open to the public, with Celebration of Island Tastes the only exception. Food and beverage is available for purchase throughout the two-day event. Celebration of the Arts is sponsored by The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua; Hawaiian Airlines; and Kapalua Resort Association.

For guests looking to experience Celebration of the Arts, the resort is offering a carefully curated "Celebration of the Arts – Mauka to Makai" accommodations package that includes:

- Luxury accommodations at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua from April 13-18, 2022
- Daily breakfast for two at Ulana Terrace
- Roundtrip luxury SUV transportation from Kahului Airport to The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua
- One-day-reserved luxury VIP pool cabana
- VIP admission for two to the Celebration of Island Tastes & Carmen Hulu Lindsey Leo Ha'iha'i Falsetto Contest
- Excursions for two to Pu'u Kukui Watershed and Mo'okiha O Pi'ilani
- A private guided coastal and tidepool hike for two with Ambassadors of the Environment

As part of The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua's ongoing support of cultural preservation, \$100 of each package booked will be donated to the resort's community partners, Pu'u Kukui Watershed and Hui O Wa'a Kaulua, Maui's voyaging canoe society. The package is available to book online here or by calling the resort at 808-669-6200.

To learn more about Celebration of the Arts, visit <u>www.celebrationofthearts.org</u>. The full schedule can be viewed here.

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About The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua

The award-winning Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua showcases a stunning, destination resort offering 466 newly reimagined guestrooms, including 107 residential suites, with all new décor capturing Kapalua's rich heritage and natural aloha. The Ritz-Carlton Spa® Maui, Kapalua beckons with treatment rooms framed by private garden showers, volcanic stone grottos, steam, sauna and whirlpool therapies, outdoor couple's hale (cabanas) and a fitness center and movement studio with spectacular ocean views. Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment program offers all interest levels an array of outdoor activities from land to sea, led by trained naturalists. The breathtaking island resort also features six dining experiences, enhanced indoor/outdoor meeting spaces, an inviting children's pool and custom luxury cabanas. The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua is nestled on 54 acres and enveloped by the 22,000-acre Kapalua Resort, renowned for two championship golf courses, award-winning restaurants and the site of an historic pineapple plantation. www.ritzcarlton.com/maui

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