

**MAY & OCTOBER 2024**

**DORIS DUKE THEATRE - HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART**



# **THE 10<sup>TH</sup> HAWAI'I COMEDY FESTIVAL**



# ABOUT US

Established in 2014



## OVERVIEW

The 9th Annual Hawai'i Comedy Festival is a showcase of original comedic work by local, Hawaii-based comedians, writers, directors, and actors.

## MISSION

Our mission is to elevate Hawai'i's creative entrepreneurs by providing mentoring and platforms to showcase their original work.

## START-UP TEAM

Since its inception, The Hawai'i Comedy Festival Start-Up Team (a local group of aspiring comedy writers) has written and produced five live sketch comedy shows and nine original musical comedies, including *Windbreaker: The Musical*, *Crazy Karaoke Asians*, and *Starbucks: The Musical*.

## POLYNESIAN AF

In 2021, The festival created co-produced the first-ever *Polynesian AF* comedy variety show with our partners at *Asian AF*. The program featured original comedic sketches, music, and stand-up comedy with an all-Polynesian cast.



## OUR NON-PROFIT PARTNER: ID8

The Hawai'i Comedy Festival's mission is to elevate Hawaii's creative entrepreneurs by providing business skills, guidance, and platforms to showcase their original work.

Linking up with the 501(c)3 non-profit, The ID8 Foundation, has been a perfect fit from the start. They're fiercely dedicated to championing creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship. **id8.org**



## OUR FOUNDER

Filipino American and Hawai'i-born actor Kimee Balmilero is best known for her regular role as Medical Examiner Dr. Noelani Cunha on CBS' *Hawai'i Five-0* and *Magnum P.I.*

She was recently cast as a series regular in the ABC pilot *Josep*, playing comedian Jo Koy's sister Geraldine.

Kimee's other professional credits include *Doogie Kameloha MD* on Disney+, *Two Tickets To Paradise* on The Hallmark Channel, the Daytime Emmy nominated children's musical TV series *Hi-5*, the Original Broadway Cast of *Mamma Mia*, and the 2nd National Touring Company of *Miss Saigon*.

She studied improv & sketch comedy at the Uprights Citizens Brigade Theatre in Hollywood and performs with the ongoing show *Filipino AF* when she's in Los Angeles.



# Our PRODUCING TEAM

**KIMEE BALMILERO** FOUNDER, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



**JOHN LEBLANC** LEAD TECH, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



**ANETTE AGA** POLYNESIAN AF SHOW PRODUCER



**IXCHEL LOPEZ** ORIGINAL MUSICAL SHOW PRODUCER





# The SHOWS



## COMEDY

**TWO SCOOPS FUNNY** - A comedic mixed plate featuring original sketches by The HICF Start Up Writing Team, live music, and stand-up comedy.

## MUSIC

**LIVE FROM HONOLULU** - A night filled with original musical comedies written and performed by Honolulu-based creatives live on stage.

## RICE

**FILIPINO AF** - This Los Angeles based show is a crowd favorite. Featuring an all Filipino cast, special guests have included JR De Guzman, Gilbert Galon, and Kevin Camia.

## SPAM



**POLYNESIAN AF** - Co-created and produced by The Hawai'i Comedy Festival, *Polynesian AF* is a run-away hit show packed with original comedy starring an all-Polynesian team of actors, writers, singers, and stand-ups.



# Our HISTORY



## PAST SPONSORS

Honolulu Museum of Art, City Mill, First Hawaiian Bank, The Pagoda Restaurant, Hub Coworking Honolulu, Louise Ing, Mike Sitch of Hale Pohaku, Improv Hawai'i, Tiny Stage Hawai'i, Hawai'i International Film Festival (HIFF), Musicians Association of Hawai'i, AFM Local 677

## SPECIAL GUESTS

- **Amy Hill** - *Magnum P.I.*, *50 First Dates*
- **Ian Anthony Dale** - *Hawai'i Five-0*
- **JR De Guzman** - *Netflix*, *Comedy Central*
- **Tumua** - Stand-Up Comedian
- **Brook Lee** - Miss Universe
- **Kevin Camia** - *Comedy Central*, *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*

## STAR MENTORS

- **Zach Reino** - *UCB*, *Off Book Podcast*
- **Chris Renfro** - *Queer As Folk*, *Brooklyn Nine Nine*
- **Jiavani** - *Between Two Ferns*
- **Joy Regulano** - *Barry*
- **Will Choi** - Creator of *Asian AF*
- **Kathryn Burns** - *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, *Key and Peele*



Sponsorship

# OPPORTUNITIES

## **TITLE SPONSOR**    \$15,000 - 1 AVAILABLE

- The festival will be named after a company or person (i.e., YOUR NAME PRESENTS...)
- A 60-second comedic commercial/video (written and produced by The Hawai'i Comedy Festival) to be shown at the beginning of all events
- Recognition in the online festival program, pre-show video, social media, website, on-stage, and on step & repeat.
- Dedicated 5 x 3ft banner at all shows
- 25 VIP tickets to all shows
- 25 VIP goody bags
- Private and personalized Improv Hawai'i Improvised Musical Show for up to 20 guests



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# OPPORTUNITIES

## SHOW SPONSOR \$7,500 - 3 AVAILABLE

- Presenting sponsor for one Hawai'i Comedy Festival Show (limited to 1 presenting sponsor per event)
- A 30-second comedic commercial/video (written and produced by The Hawai'i Comedy Festival) shown at the beginning of all events
- Recognition in the online festival program, pre-show video, social media, website, on-stage, and on step & repeat.
- Dedicated 5 x 3ft banner at all shows
- 10 VIP tickets to all shows
- 10 VIP goody bags
- Private and personalized Improv Hawai'i Improvised Musical Show for up to 20 guests



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# Sponsorship

# OPPORTUNITIES

## **LOBBY SPONSOR**    \$2,500 - 5 AVAILABLE

- Includes signage in the lobby/entry area, recognition in the online festival program, pre-show video, social media, website, on-stage mention, and step & repeat. Comes with four festival tickets per sponsorship.

## **PHOTOBOOTH SPONSOR**    \$2,500 - 1 AVAILABLE

- Includes signage in the photo booth/step and repeat area, recognition in the online festival program, pre-show video, social media, website, and on-stage mention. Comes with two festival tickets per sponsorship.

## **SIGN PLACEMENT**    \$500 - 15 AVAILABLE

- Includes recognition in the online festival program, pre-show video, social media, and website. Dedicated 5 x 3ft banner in the entryway. Comes with two festival tickets per sponsorship.

## **COMEDY FAN**    \$100

- Includes recognition in the online festival program, pre-show video, and website. Comes with one festival ticket per sponsorship.



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## IN-KIND SUPPORTER

- Includes recognition in the online festival program, pre-show video, social media, and website. Comes with two festival tickets per sponsorship.



### IN-KIND NEEDS:

- Press
- Volunteer Support
- Rehearsal Space
- Tech Support
- Merchandise
- Catering
- Venue Space
- Costumes
- Props

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