



# THE 12<sup>TH</sup> HAWAII' COMEDY FESTIVAL

SPRING & FALL 2026

THE HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART



# ABOUT US

Established in 2014



## OVERVIEW

The Annual Hawai'i Comedy Festival is a celebration of original comedic work created and performed by Hawai'i-based comedians, writers, directors, and actors. It's not just a show—it's a shared experience that brings people together through laughter, surprise, and genuine human connection. Because we believe one thing above all else—**laughter truly is the best medicine!**

## MISSION

Our mission is to elevate Hawai'i's creative entrepreneurs by providing professional 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 *Colonize Me*.

## AAPI AF & POLYNESIAN AF

The Hawai'i Comedy Festival founded and produced the first-ever *Polynesian AF* in 2021 and *AAPI AF* in 2024 in partnership with *Asian AF*.

These culturally rich comedic variety shows featured original live sketches, music, and stand-up comedy with an all-Polynesian and AAPI cast.



## OUR FOUNDER

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



In 2022, Kimee was cast opposite comedian Jo Koy in the ABC pilot *Josep*, playing his sister Geraldine. *Josep* was the first TV pilot by a major network to feature a Filipino American family.

Other credits include *Doogie Kamealoha MD* on Disney+, *Two Tickets To Paradise* on The Hallmark Channel, and the Original Broadway Cast of *Mamma Mia*. Since returning home, Kimee has launched several creative ventures, including The Hawai'i Comedy Festival, Improv Hawai'i, and Tiny Stage Hawai'i.

## OUR NON-PROFIT PARTNER: ID8

Our 501(c)3 non-profit, The ID8 Foundation, is fiercely dedicated to championing creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

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# The SHOWS



## COMEDY

**TWO SCOOPS FUNNY** - A comedic mixed plate featuring original sketches, live music, improv, and stand-up comedy.

## MUSIC

**LIVE FROM HONOLULU** - A night filled with original musical comedies written and performed by The HICF Start Up Writing Team

## 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



**AAPI AF** - Co-founded and produced by The Hawai'i Comedy Festival, AAPI AF is a runaway hit show packed with original comedy starring an all-AAPI 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** - *Sesame Street*
- **Will Choi** - Creator of *Asian AF*
- **Kathryn Burns** - *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, *Key and Peele*



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# OPPORTUNITIES

## **TITLE SPONSOR**    \$25,000 - 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

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# OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Includes large 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.

## **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** \$150

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



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# OPPORTUNITIES

## 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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