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HPS PRESENTS 3-ISLAND SERIES ON NEW YORK CITY'S HAWAIIAN ROOM!

Kāne 'ohe, Hawai 'i – September 7, 2015



The non-profit, Hula Preservation Society, is excited to present a 3-island series honoring the history and talent of the Hawaiian Room — a legendary New York City venue open from 1937 to 1966. Anchoring each program will be the new documentary film "The Hawaiian Room" by Ann Marie N. Kirk. Appearing in person will be original talents from the Room, along with Ms. Kirk, and each program will conclude with the hula stylings of the (now) aunties who can still charm and impress an audience, just as they did 50+ years ago in the Big Apple!



Island #1: Hawai'i - Thursday, October 15, 2015

Volcano Art Center, Niaulani Campus, 7:00–9:00pm Tickets: Free (donations welcome)



Island #2: Maui - Sunday, November 8, 2015

Maui Arts & Cultural Center, McCoy Studio Theatre, 3:00–5:00pm Tickets: \$10 - Purchase online at <u>mauiarts.org</u> or call (808) 242-SHOW



Island #3: O'ahu - Saturday, November 21, 2015

Hawai'i Convention Center, "Hula Dancers Take Hawai'i's Stories to the World", 10:30am-12:30pm

Tickets: \$10 – purchase online at www.hulapreservation.org



Special Workshop: Hawai'i – Friday, October 16, 2015

"Hapa-Haole Hula: Hawaiian Room Style!" with the Hawaiian Room's own TeMoana Makolo

Volcano Art Center, Niaulani Campus, 4:30-6:00pm Cost: \$18 non-VAC members, \$15 VAC members

Reservations: Call (808) 967-8222

"The Hawaiian Room" by Ann Marie N. Kirk, Produced by Hula Preservation Society

<u>Synopsis:</u> Between 1937-1966, hundreds of dancers, singers, and musicians from the Hawaiian isles became part of the incredible legacy of the pioneering Hawaiian Room, located at The Hotel Lexington in the heart of New York City. Over the course of three decades, The Room became an incomparable venue through which Aloha and Hawaiian culture were shared in vibrant and exciting New York City. Hear from the entertainers, dancers and patrons who made it such a special place, and be transported to a time in history when Hula, Hawaiian Music and Aloha enchanted New York!

Note: "The Hawaiian Room" will be <u>officially released on DVD in October 2015</u> and available for purchase at each upcoming event. Please contact Hula Preservation Society for more information.