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## **Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa Introduces New Drums of the Pacific Luau**

*Tihati Productions Adds Exciting New Elements to Luau*

**KA'ANAPALI, Maui, Hawaii – January 26, 2009** – Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa introduces a number of exciting enhancements to its already “island best” luau, The Drums of the Pacific. The popular luau produced by Tihati Productions and performed at the resort’s beachside Sunset Terrace Stage includes a new welcome ceremony, new dances, costumes, stories, and special effects enriching the notable luau performed nightly at the resort.

The Drums of the Pacific features authentic dances and music of Hawaii, Tahiti, Somoa, Rarotonga, New Zealand and the Tuamotus. There is a grand finale thrilling Fire Knife dance. Guests are treated to an open Tiki Bar and an all-you-can-eat buffet showcasing exotic flavors of native Hawaiian cuisine during the show.

A new welcome ceremony features live music and casual hula dancing, a new torch lighting ritual and a festive welcome at the new Umalu Restaurant and the Sunset Terrace Stage when the doors open. Lei greeting, Imu ceremony - the unveiling of the main dish, Kalua Pua'a -- and fashion show are still part of the welcome celebration.

New costumes have been designed for all of the dances and several new music sections have been added to the show including a new Voyaging Otea segment that celebrates the Tahitian ancestors’ voyage to Hawaii; and the Kahiko, an exclusive story told only at The Drums of the Pacific about Maui’s coastal regions.

New costumes have been added to Aparima, the spirited hip-shaking dances of the French Polynesian Tuamotus; and to Tiare, a signature production that tells of the legend comparing the first woman created to the delicate Tiare flower.

The festival dances of the Maori people of New Zealand, the lavish dances of the Samoans; a romantic hula tribute to lovers in the Wedding dance, Imps, a dance honoring the special places of Maui, and the show stopping Fire Dance and spectacular Drum Farewell all feature authentic new costumes, music and distinctive flourishes.

“The New Drums of the Pacific Luau is an unforgettable experience, a thrilling reminder of Hawaii’s history and beauty that engages audiences of all ages,” said General Manager Michael Jokovich of Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa. “Tihati Productions continues to offer innovative elements to our exceptional luau which guests and visitors come to see every night.”

Following is a preview of what guests will experience upon attending the show:

- Guests are greeted with a shell lei and a Mai Tai or fruit punch
- Live music and casual hula dancing
- Traditional arts and crafts demonstrations
- Torch lighting ceremony
- Authentic Imu ceremony - the unveiling of the main dish, Kalua Pua'a
- Friendly greetings by Royal Polynesians, followed by a Polynesian fashion show featuring the islands most exotic pareaus (sarong) in creative styles
- An all-you-can-eat generous buffet including Kalua Pork, Huli Huli Chicken, Mahi Mahi, Ulupalakua Beef, Polynesian Rice, Vegetables Makamaka, Tropical Fruits Anuenue, Soba Noodles, Lomi Lomi Salmon, Pacific Ahi Poke, Tossed Green Salad, and Poi (taro).
- Lavish dessert bar featuring Macadamia Nut Lu'au Cream Pie, Haupia with Toasted Coconut, Pineapple Cake and Bread Pudding. It's a great Hawaiian Lu'au Feast. which are served throughout the luau, as well as a variety of desserts such as Macadamia Nut Lu'au Cream Pie, Haupia with Toasted Coconut, Pineapple Cake and Bread Pudding
- Open bar featuring beer, wine, mixed cocktails, Mai Tais and fruit punch
- Eleven authentic interpretive dances

Drums of the Pacific Luau is performed nightly at 5:30 p.m. Ticket costs are as follows:

- Adults 21 years & older- \$96.00

- Teens - \$61.00 (ages 13-20 years)
- Children - \$49.00 (ages 6-12 years)
- Infant: (5 and under) Free

For more information, Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa can be reached at (808) 661-1234 or (800) 233-1234, or by visiting [www.maui.hyatt.com](http://www.maui.hyatt.com).

### **About Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa**

The oceanfront Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa is situated on 40 tropically landscaped acres along a three-mile stretch of the Ka'anapali Beach coastline, which is Maui's longest crescent beach. Guest suites are accentuated with plantation-style wood furniture and Hawaiian elegance, with each room offering a private lanai to enjoy panoramic views. Exotic wildlife throughout the lushly landscaped grounds includes penguins, swans, flamingos and other tropical birds. In addition, the resort boasts a \$3 million Asian art collection, and features Spa Moana, Hawaii's first and Maui's only oceanfront spa offering the Hawaiian Lomi Lomi and other massages and treatments. Most recently the resort opened its **new \$8 million poolside restaurant – Umalu** – in October 2008.

### **About Tihati Productions**

As the largest entertainment company in Hawaii, Tihati Productions perpetuates historical, cultural and social values of Hawaii through Polynesian song and dance. While committed to creating high-caliber shows designed to educate, entertain and enlighten visitors and residents alike, the company is recognized for innovative thematic events featuring high-quality designs, décor, entertainment and staff. And most importantly, they pride themselves on promoting the essence of the Spirit of Aloha to the world. More information can be found at [www.tihati.com](http://www.tihati.com).