

# Honolulu Museum of Art

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## MUSEUM REACHES OUT TO NEIGHBORS WITH THIRD CELEBRATE MICRONESIA FESTIVAL MARCH 19

*Includes exhibition Arc: Charting the Path of Celestial*

**WHAT:** Celebrate Micronesia Festival

**WHEN:** March 19, 10am-4pm

**WHERE:** Honolulu Museum of Art School, 1111 Victoria St

**INFO:** 532-8741, [www.honolulumuseum.org](http://www.honolulumuseum.org) (publishable)

*High-res images available on request.*

**HONOLULU, HAWAI‘I (March 4, 2016)**—In an effort to reach out to one of its neighbor communities, the Honolulu Museum of Art launched its annual Celebrate Micronesia Festival in March 2014. In 2015, the festival almost doubled in size and scope.

This year guests can expect another relaxed, activity-filled family day showcasing the traditional music, dance, crafts, and fashions of the many island cultures that make up Micronesia.

“Working with English Language Learner students from Queen Ka‘ahumanu Elementary School and McKinley High School, we realized that there are many Micronesian students who live and or go to school near the museum, yet never came here with their families,” says Vince Hazen, director of the Honolulu Museum of Art School. “The museum was founded by Anna Rice Cooke to celebrate the many cultures that make up Hawai‘i—we want to continue the tradition by highlighting the rich traditions of the islands’ newest immigrants.”

Groups such as the Marshallese Women’s Club, and its offshoot dance group Lale Dron, the Palauan dance troupe Mem Doloik, the Remathau Women’s Group, and, coming all the way from Hawai‘I Island, Lien Pohnpei, will offer music and dance performances, and booths showing off traditional crafts and clothing.

Christopher Carvalho—the writer, penciller and inker of Mana Comics—has drawn inspiration from Micronesian folklore to create a team of superheroes that he will debut at

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Spalding House  
2411 Makiki Heights Drive

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First Hawaiian Center  
999 Bishop Street

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1111 Victoria Street

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Doris Duke Theatre  
Entrance on Kinau Street

the festival. Children can color photocopies of black-and-white drawings of Carvalho's characters. At a drawing station, kids can also create their own Micronesian superhero.

On view during the festival are two exhibitions—*Arc: Charting the Path of Celestial Bodies*, an installation spearheaded by Māori visual and performing artist Moana Nepia that addresses navigation and emigration.

### **About the Honolulu Museum of Art**

One of the world's premier art museums, the Honolulu Museum of Art presents international caliber special exhibitions and features a collection that includes Hokusai, van Gogh, Gauguin, Monet, Picasso and Warhol, as well as traditional Asian and Hawaiian art. Located in two of Honolulu's most beautiful buildings, visitors enjoy two cafés, gardens, and films and concerts at the theater.

In 2011, The Contemporary Museum gifted its assets and collection to the Honolulu Academy of Arts and in 2012, the combined museum changed its name to the Honolulu Museum of Art.

### **Locations:**

Honolulu Museum of Art: 900 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House: 2411 Makiki Heights Drive

Honolulu Museum of Art School: 1111 Victoria Street

Honolulu Museum of Art at First Hawaiian Center: 999 Bishop Street

Honolulu Museum of Art Doris Duke Theatre: 901 Kinau Street (at rear of museum)

**Website:** [www.honolulumuseum.org](http://www.honolulumuseum.org)

Phone: 808-532-8700

### **Hours:**

Honolulu Museum of Art: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m.; closed Monday.

The Honolulu Museum of Art Café: lunch only, Tues.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. noon-4 p.m.

Spalding House Café: lunch only, Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Admission** (permits entry to both museums on the same day):

\$10 general admission; children 17 and under are free.

Admission is free to: shop, cafés, Robert Allerton Art Library, and the art school

Free days: First Wednesday of every month

Bank of Hawaii Family Sunday: The museum is free to the public on the third Sunday of the month, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., courtesy Bank of Hawaii.