

## 2026 Waikīkī Steel Guitar Week Event Schedule

### SUNDAY, July 5, 2026

10:00am - noon	<b>Steel Guitar Sundays – Hula Grill Waikiki</b> 10:00 - noon – Alan Akaka & the Islanders
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### Waikīkī Steel Guitar Week Daily Events

### MONDAY, July 6, 2026

5:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>Concert – Royal Grove Stage: "Opening Nite"</b> NextGEN Steel Guitarists Kyle, Kui, Hi'ipoi, Ever, and Isaac
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### TUESDAY, July 7, 2026

5:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>Concert – Royal Grove Stage: "The Golden Years of Hawaiian Music"</b> Kiyoshi "Lion" Kobayashi 93 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration
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### WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2026

4:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>Ho'okūkū Kīkā Kila - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Amateur Hawaiian Steel Guitar Contest - Royal Grove Stage</b>
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### THURSDAY, July 9, 2026

5:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>Concert – Royal Grove Stage: "Timeless Melodies"</b> Makana (Masami Sato, Kazuko Tanaka, Kazuko Ishii, Ayumi Kato, Yoshiko Konno, and Michiko Makiuchi)
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### J-FESTA - Japan-Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival

### FRIDAY, July 10, 2026

3:00 pm - 6:30 pm	<b>Ho'olaule'a – Royal Grove Stage (Livestreamed)</b> 3:00 - 3:10 – Co-emcees Masami Sato and Alan Akaka Opening Remarks 3:10 - 3:35 – Paul Okubo 3:40 - 4:05 – Kiyoshi "Lion" Kobayashi and Lion Ladies SG Ensemble 4:10 - 4:25 – Michiyo Fujita & Yoshiko Yokoyama 4:30 - 4:55 – Masami "MATT" Kobayashi & Friends (Leonard Jenkins, Hovey Lambert, Nathan Nahinu, Ernie Morikubo, Caroline Affonso, and Kela Cuban) 5:00 - 5:15 – moani ito 5:20 - 5:45 – YUKIO KATAGIRI 5:50 - 6:15 – Masami Sato & Makana (Kazuko Tanaka, Kazuko Ishii, Ayumi Kato, Yoshiko Konno, and Michiko Makiuchi, Meleana Manuel) 6:20 - 6:30 – Closing Remarks
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### Waikīkī Steel Guitar Festival

### SATURDAY, July 11, 2026

10:50am - 1:50pm	<b>Ho'olaule'a Part 1 – Royal Grove Stage</b> 10:50 - 11:00 – Emcee Opening Remarks 11:00 - 11:30 – Steve Cheney 11:35 - 12:05 – Geronimo "Geri" Valdriz 12:10 - 12:40 – Greg Sardinha & Po'okela (Darrell Aquino and Zachary Castro) 12:45 - 1:15 – Mālie Lyman 1:20 - 1:50 – Kiyoshi "Lion" Kobayashi
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### 1:50pm - 4:00pm Intermission

4:00pm - 6:30pm	<b>Ho'olaule'a Part 2 – Royal Grove Stage</b> 4:00 - 4:30 – Masami Sato & Makana (Kazuko Tanaka, Kazuko Ishii, Ayumi Kato, Yoshiko Konno, and Michiko Makiuchi) 4:35 - 5:10 – Christo Ruppenthal 5:15 - 5:50 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Winners from Ho'okūkū Kīkā Kila 5:55 - 6:30 – Alan Akaka & the Islanders
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### SUNDAY, July 12, 2026

10:00am - noon	<b>Steel Guitar Sundays Special – Hula Grill Waikiki</b> 10:00 - noon – Alan Akaka & the Islanders
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6:00pm - 7:00pm	<b>Concert - Waikīkī Beach Walk Plaza Stage: Grand Finale with NextGEN and Emerging Stars</b> NextGEN Steel Guitarists Kyle, Kui, Hi'ipoi, Ever, Isaac, and NextGEN Schuyler
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