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40th Okinawan Festival is back in-person on September 3-4 at the Hawaii Convention Center

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HONOLULU – AUGUST 17, 2022 – The Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) is excited to be back in-person for the 40th Okinawan Festival on September 3-4, 2022 at the Hawaii Convention Center. With the theme of "Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha," the festival continues to be one of the largest ethnic festivals in Hawaii.

As a family-oriented cultural festival, the Okinawan Festival showcases Hawaii's multi-ethnic culture and invites locals and visitors alike to join in the festivities featuring Okinawan music and performing arts, cultural education, arts and crafts, historical exhibits, craft vendors, genealogy research, Okinawan-themed children's games and of course food booths with Okinawan cuisine and local favorites such as andagi, andadog, and Okinawan soba.

General Admission to the Okinawan Festival starts at 10:00 am and will be \$10.00 for adults ages 13-64 and \$5 for senior citizens 65 and over. Children 12 and under are free. Early Admission will start one hour earlier at 9:00 am and can be purchased for an additional \$5 for adults and seniors (children are still free). Tickets are available online at www.okinawanfestival.com. Early Admission tickets are only available online via the pre-sale link on the website now through Friday 9/2 (11:59 PM HST). General Admission tickets are also available for purchase online and can be purchased in-person at the festival.

Entertainment from local performing arts groups will fill both days of the festival with Okinawan dance, karate, taiko, and live music. The festival ends at 5:00 pm on Saturday 9/3 and at 4:00 pm on Sunday 9/4. The largest indoor Bon Dance will be held on Saturday night only

from 5:30 - 9:00 pm (please note only Okinawa soba, bento, andagi and andadog will be sold during the Bon Dance).

Proceeds from the Okinawan Festival support the Hawaii United Okinawa Association and its many cultural programs including classes, genealogy resources, the Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Program, the Children's Cultural Day Camp, community service projects and much more.

The Okinawan Festival is sponsored by CPB Foundation, Hawaii Tourism Authority, City & County of Honolulu, Zippy's, Island Insurance, Rainbow Drive-In, Sun Noodle, Hawaii Gas, Don Quijote, JTB Hawaii, WCIT/Gushiken Architecture, Zeyphr Insurance, KHON2 and many more community partners.

For more information and festival updates, visit www.okinawanfestival.com.

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About the Hawaii United Okinawa Association

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, perpetuate and preserve Okinawan culture in Hawaii. HUOA is the umbrella organization for 50 member clubs with approximately 40,000 members statewide. For more information about HUOA, visit www.huoa.org.