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**ITOEN** is proud to support the 11th Annual Ukulele Picnic











## SCHEDULE

11:00 am International Ukulele Contest Winner
Homies Ukulele Orchestra (from Japan)
International Ukulele Contest Winner, Anastasia (from Alaska)
Shoji Kawaguchi and PoePoe Students (from Japan)
Dr Trey and the Students of Kapena School of Music
Kalei Gamiao & Corey Fujimoto

1:00 pm Kapālama Elementary School Ukulele Band Kala'e Camarillo Kenta Ebara ( from Japan )

2:15 pm Mark Yamanaka
Honuppi (from Japan)
Jody Kamisato & Ukulele Hale
Honoka

4:00 pm 1933 Ukulele Allstars (from Japan)
Kamuela Kimokeo & Hi'ikua
Raiatea Helm
Hawai'i Aloha (all musicians/finale)

## Alcha!

Why do you think that so many people are drawn to Hawaii? Is it because of beautiful nature on the islands? Pleasant weather throughout the year? On, the Aloha spirit and hospitality in people? All are probably right, but I would add one particular thing - "Hawaiian Music" - the music that fills the air across the islands just like gentle, harmonious winds. On, the music that blooms like colonful and vibrant flowers in our hearts.

Ukulele Picnic in Hawaii has been shaning the spirit of Hawaiian music and the spirit of Aloha even since the first event in 2009, featuring Hawaii's iconic instrument - Ukulele. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to hold the physical event since 2020, but I am happy to announce that we are ready to hold an in-person Picnic again!

As it is difficult for us to expect large numbers of Japanese visitors coming to Hawaii yet, our Picnic in 2023 might not be as big as in previous years. However, I really feel it is time for us to resume our event. So, I hope you all get on board with us!

Fon the 2023 Ukulele Picnic in Hawaii, we have chosen the Center Stage at Ala Moana Center as our event venue, with the hope that this convenient location will enable locals and tourists (especially from the mainland) to get to know our event, with an attractive line up of musicians and ententainment. By choosing the shopping mall, we are also hoping to help revitalize the local economy.

Speaking of our attractive line up, we plan to welcome nenowned musicians such as Mn. Boo Takaqi and Ms. Yoko Oqinome firom Japan on stage. You will also enjoy penformances by several Hawaiian artists, as well as local keiki. Just stop by and enjoy our firee event, Ukulele Picnic in Hawaii 2023 - you are sure to be filled with happiness and Aloha by the sound of Ukulele. Looking forward to seeing your smiles at Ala Moana Center!

