

2025 Waikīkī Steel Guitar Week

Event Schedule

Steel Guitar Sundays SUNDAY, July 6, 2025	
10:00am - noon	Performance – Hula Grill Waikiki 10:00 - noon – Alan Akaka
Waikīkī Steel Guitar Week Concerts	
MONDAY, July 7, 2025	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Concert – Royal Grove Stage Alan Akaka & The Islanders
TUESDAY, July 8, 2025	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Concert – Royal Grove Stage The Mālie Lyman Quartet (Devin Nakahara, Dylan Nakahara, and Kamana'o Sarsona)
WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2025	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Concert – Royal Grove Stage Masami Sato & Makana (Kazuko Tanaka, Kazuko Ishii, Ayumi Kato, Toshiko Konno, Michiko Makiuchi, and Masako Wakamatsu)
THURSDAY, July 10, 2025	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Concert – Royal Grove Stage NextGen Steel Guitarists (Isaac, Hi'ipoi, Enosa, Ever, Tai)
Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association Waikiki Festival '25	
WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2025	
1:30 pm - 4:30pm	Ho'olaule'a – Royal Grove Stage 1:30 - 1:55 – Roberto Alaniz 2:00 - 2:25 – Joe Stewart 2:30 - 2:55 – Vickie Van Fechtmann 3:00 - 3:25 – Christo Ruppenthal 3:30 - 3:55 – Eric Rindal 4:00 - 4:30 – Johnny Crash (Fabio Martins)
THURSDAY, July 10, 2025	
8:20am - 4:25pm	Ho'olaule'a – Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort - Diamond Head Ballroom 8:20 - 8:30 – Welcome and Announcements 8:30 - 8:55 – Christo Ruppenthal 9:00 - 9:25 – Vickie Van Fechtmann 9:30 - 9:55 – Roberto Alaniz 10:00 - 10:30 – Masako Wakamatsu / Sakae Machida 10:35 - 11:05 – Haruko Ozeki / Michiyo Fujita 11:10 - 11:35 – Kiyoshi "Lion" Kobayashi 11:40 - 11:50 – Japan Chapter Ensemble plays "South Sea Moon" 11:50 - 1:00 – NO HOST LUNCH BREAK 1:00 - 1:25 – Masami "Matt" Kobayashi 1:30 - 1:55 – Shinichi Kakiuchi 2:00 - 2:25 – Johnny Crash (Fabio Martins) 2:30 - 2:55 – Yukio Katagiri 3:00 - 3:25 – Joe Stewart 3:30 - 3:55 – Eric Rindal 4:00 - 4:25 – Paul Okubo

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Japan-Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival FRIDAY, July 11, 2025	
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Ho'olaule'a – Royal Grove Stage (Livestreamed) 2:30 - 2:45 – Masami Sato & Alan Akaka Opening Remarks 2:45 - 3:00 – Michiyo Fujita & Yoshiko Yokoyama 3:05 - 3:35 – Yukio Katagiri 3:40 - 4:10 – Paul Okubo 4:15 - 4:45 – Shinichi & Kumiko Kakiuchi 4:50 - 5:20 – Matt Kobayashi with Leonard Jenkins, Hovey Lambert, Poki'i Vaughan, Ernie Morikubo, and Caroline Affonso 5:25 - 5:55 – Kiyoshi "Lion" Kobayashi and his Steel Guitar Ensemble (Hajime Takahashi, Haruko Ozeki, Masako Wakamatsu, and Sakae Machida) 6:00 - 6:30 – Masami Sato & Makana (Kazuko Tanaka, Kazuko Ishii, Ayumi Kato, Toshiko Konno, and Michiko Makiuchi)
Waikīkī Steel Guitar Festival SATURDAY, July 12, 2025	
10:50am - 2:25pm	Ho'olaule'a Part 1 – Royal Grove Stage 10:50 - 11:00 – Kimo Kahoano 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 Kata Maduli) 12:45 - 1:15 – Johnny Crash (Fabio Martins) 1:20 - 1:50 – Christo Ruppenthal 1:55 - 2:25 – Kiyoshi "Lion" Kobayashi and his Steel Guitar Ensemble (Hajime Takahashi, Haruko Ozeki, Masako Wakamatsu, and Sakae Machida)
2:25pm - 4:00pm	Intermission
4:00pm - 6:30pm	Ho'olaule'a Part 2 – Royal Grove Stage 4:00 - 4:30 – Masami Sato & Makana (Kazuko Tanaka, Kazuko Ishii, Ayumi Kato, Toshiko Konno, and Michiko Makiuchi) 4:35 - 5:05 – Bobby Ingano 5:10 - 5:40 – Mālie Lyman 5:45 - 6:30 – Alan Akaka

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