

# HULA HALAU 'O KU'ULEI

## Fiesta Days: It's a Wrap!

by Angelina Milian

With another year, comes another Fiesta Days under our belt. It was a weekend filled with fun, excitement and yes, a little chaos. What would Fiesta Days be without a little chaos.

The weekend kicked off early Saturday morning with the Fiesta Days parade. The parade started at 10 o'clock am from one end of Merchant Street to the other end. This year, the weather paid us a little surprise with rain! We were all so worried about being too hot, so, God decided to shower us with rain. He has a sense of humor too I suppose. It was exciting to see all the faces in the crowd smiling and waving. It was a bit too, like going down memory lane... we saw former dancers, friends and acquaintances, all lined down Merchant Street to get a glimpse of us. It was a little overwhelming. Our three floats were beautifully decorated with shiny, red tinsel skirts and shiny, red garland. We had the keikis dancing Hawaiian Five on the first float, the kaikamahine mixed with wahine danced He Mele No Lilo on the second float, and the wahine danced Ulupalakua on the third float. Even with a little rain, everyone was a trooper and did well. Despite the cold, everyone had a good time.

Saturday and Sunday we performed at Andrew's Park, in the kid zone area. Sunday went a little smoother than Saturday but that is to be expected. The first day there are always a few unexpected kinks but they always get ironed out by the second day. Monday, there were only a few numbers danced for the Fiesta Days talent competition showcase. It was a nice break from the busy weekend. From keiki to wahine, everyone pulled together and made it a very successful Fiesta Days weekend. The weather was perfect, unlike last year. We didn't have to worry about blistered feet or passing out. :0) (happy face).

The audience was captivated by all the different songs, instruments and costumes. One of the dancers even witnessed a couple about to leave, and as soon as we picked up our uli ulis, they were quick to change their minds and watch the rest of the show.

I also have to mention the costumes for He Mele No Lilo received many compliments. And, being completely objective and non-bias, of course, I have to admit, after watching the video, the costumes did look pretty amazing. The spin was breathtaking. You could see all the reds in our skirts and it was beautiful.



### HALAU 2008 PERFORMANCES Save the Dates

#### 2008 Performance Opportunities:

- June 28th** (Saturday, 3:30pm-4:00pm): 75th Birthday Luau, VV. By invitation only.
- June 28th** (Saturday, 9:30pm-10:00pm): Wedding reception, Captain's Mansion, Mare Island. By invitation only.
- July 8th-24th** (Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5:30pm-8:30pm): Tahitian Workshop, Daly City. Event open to 2nd year halau students and older.
- July 9th** (Wednesday) Solano County Fair Dance Competition.
- July 12th** (Saturday, Dance time: 3:30pm - 4:00pm) www.scfair.com
- July 19th** (Saturday, 6:30pm-7:15pm) Family Reunion, Sacramento. By invitation only.
- July 24th** (Thursday, 12:00pm-4:00pm) Kaululehua Hawaiian Cultural Center Keiki Camp. Open to halau ages 6-12.
- August 1st** (Friday) VCS Luau. By invitation only. (unconfirmed)
- August 9th** (Saturday, 1:00pm -1:30pm) Summerfield Luau, VV. Open to halau.
- August 14th** (Thursday, Time TBA) Fairfield Senior Luncheon, FF. By invitation only. (unconfirmed)
- August 16th** (Saturday, Time TBA) Fairfield's Tomato Festival, FF. Open to halau. (unconfirmed)
- August 22nd** (Friday, 3:00pm-4:00pm) Senior Luau, Rancho Solano. By invitation only.
- August 23rd** (Saturday, 2:00pm-2:15pm) American Red Cross Heroes Luau, Suisun Waterfront. By invitation only.
- August 23rd** (Saturday, 3:30pm-4:00pm) 50th Birthday Luau, VV. By invitation only.
- August 23rd** (Saturday, 7:00pm-7:30pm) Bob & Emma's Annual Luau, VV. By invitation only.

**September**  
Vacaville Kid Fest  
Andrews Park  
www.vacavillekidfest.org

**October**  
Celebration of Dance  
Paramount's Great America  
www.PGAThrills.com

**October 11** (Saturday)  
Fairfield's Candy Festival  
Downtown Fairfield  
www.fairfielddowntown.com

**December**  
Vacaville's Merriment on Main  
Downtown Vacaville  
www.vacavillechamber.com

**December 5** (Friday)  
Fairfield's Holiday Night of Lights  
Downtown Fairfield  
www.fairfielddowntown.com

**December**  
Discovery Kingdom  
Vallejo, CA  
www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom

### UPCOMING HAWAIIAN EVENTS

**June 28** (Saturday)  
Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani presents "44th Anniversary Hawaiian Lu'au"  
I.F.E.S. Portuguese Hall, 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View  
5:00 pm  
More Information

**June 28** (Saturday) and **June 29**, 2008 (Sunday)  
World Arts West presents "30th Anniversary San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival"  
9 Dance Groups including Halau 'O Keikiali'i  
Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon Street (at Bay Street), San Francisco  
Saturday: 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm  
Sunday: 2:00 pm

**July 26, 2008** (Saturday)  
'O Ka'ahumanu Wahine Ali'i Ahahui presents "8th Annual Ho'olaule'a." Hawaiian Entertainment, Arts & Crafts, and Food. Swiss Park, 5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark . 10:00 am - 5:00 pm . Free Admission and Parking

July 26, 2008 (Saturday)  
Halau 'O Keikiali'i presents "Ho'ailona -- Forces of Nature"  
El Camino High School Little Theatre, 1320 Mission Road, South San Francisco  
2:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
More Information

## Getting To Know One Of Our Hula Sisters...



**Name:** Trinity Kayla Milian

**How old are you? 8 years old.**

**What brought you to the halau?** When I was about 4 years old, I loved watching Lilo and Stitch. I would shake my hips and pretend I was dancing hula. My mom thought I might enjoy taking classes, saw an ad in the Grapevine, and called Kelly.

**How long have you been dancing hula?** I've been dancing for over 4 years.

**What are your hobbies?** I like hula, swimming, drawing, painting, reading and playing with my sister.

**What do you do for fun?** I like to play with my toys, go to parks, play with my friends, have sleep-overs, play board games and video games. I like to watch tv. I collect Pokemon cards and trade them with my friends. I also collect Pokemon toys.

**What would you like your halau family to know about you?** I am half Korean, quarter Chinese and quarter Salvadorian. I also have a little German blood as well as others I don't know. I love to go to Hawaii and Disneyland. I am a Dallas Cowboys fan. I like to watch basketball. I like to sing and dance. I love doing hula. I have three diaries. I collect key chains and I love to eat at Keanu's. My favorite food is soup and my favorite dessert is mint chip ice-cream. I love Pokemon and watching Jon and Kate Plus Eight. I take swim lessons. I like to help my little sister, Mara. When I grow up I'd like to be a doctor so I can help people.

## Good Day Sacramento!

Every once in a while, unusual opportunities just pop up. This was one of those times. We were asked to dance for CBS13/The CW31's Good Day Sacramento. It was a promotional piece for Fiesta Days and our halau got a little good PR out of it.

It was exciting to be on a news set and see what really goes on behind the scenes. It's amazing how things appear so different when you watch tv versus when you are actually there. We got to meet several members of the crew including Tina Macuha, who was the host. She was very entertaining and had a great sense of humor. Everyone was very warm and welcoming.

We didn't have a whole lot of air time but it was a blast. We even learned a little television news lingo and signed our halau name in the waiting room, where there was a wall of signatures from previous guests.

Hopefully we will have more of those fun opportunities headed our way!



### QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

*Even a turtle never gets ahead unless he sticks his neck out.*

- Jessica Lani Rich