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# KPO announces Youth Concerto Competition winners

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The Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra recently announced the winners of its annual Madeline Schatz-Harris Youth Concerto Competition that took place on Sept. 9 in Kona.

Young string instrument players from around the state were eligible to compete in this year's competition. During the competition, 10 student musicians from three age categories (12 years and under, 13-15 years and 16-18 years) performed, by memory, one movement of a piece chosen from standard concerto repertoire with piano accompaniment.

This year's winners are cellist Celina Lim, 11, violinist Alyson Kwong, 14, and cellist Joshua Chang, 18. These three winners will perform their solo works in concert at Kahilu Theatre in Waimea, accompanied by the Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra on Jan. 28 as part of the orchestra's winter concert, "Rustic Inspirations." Winning contestants also receive cash rewards.

"In my nearly 30 years of music making, this year's group of young musicians was spectacular," Artistic Director and Conductor Brian Dollinger said. "The level of difficulty that these musicians tackled

from memory, as well as incredibly musical, was truly inspirational to me as an educator. It shows what dedication by not only the young musician, but by families and teachers, can produce."

Lim is a student of Nancy Masaki, of Honolulu. She gave a lively performance of Georg Goltermann's Concerto No. 4 in G major, opus 65, mvt. 3: Allegro molto. Kwong, a student of Sheryl Sohett, also of Honolulu, was a standout in the largest group of competitors with her rendition of Eduoard Lalo's Symphonie espagnole, opus 21, mvt. 1: Allegro non troppo. Chang, who is also a student of Masaki, displayed outstanding technique and a vibrant sound during his performance of Edward Elgar's Concerto in E minor, opus 85, mvt. 1: Adagio Moderato.

"I am very excited to perform these works in January with our winners. The vast majority of the time, this performance is a first for these musicians and becomes a life-long memory for them. In some cases, it serves as a huge inspiration for them to continue on in life with music," Dollinger said. "My goal with every young artist performance is to make it as fun, relaxing, and memorable for the musician. If I accomplish this, their performance will



**Youth Concerto Competition contestants pose with Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra Artistic Director and Conductor Brian Dollinger. From left to right are Dong-Woo Seo, Joshua Chang, Maya Chang, Alexander Canicosa-Miles, Sevastyan Swan, Brian Dollinger, Yudai Leonzon, Colin Yeo, Celina Lim, Allyson Kwong and Kauai Paule. PHOTOS BY DANNY WADDELL/SPECIAL TO WEST HAWAII TODAY**

come through with such success that the audience and KPO musicians will feel more closely connected to this memorable experience."

Founding Artistic Director and Conductor Madeline Schatz-Harris, a longtime teacher, started the concerto competition

to showcase talent exhibited by local students. Dollinger is also passionate about promoting opportunities for young

musicians to learn and display their talents.

*Info: Visit [www.kamuelaphil.org](http://www.kamuelaphil.org). ■*



**Concerto Competition winners Celina Lim, Joshua Chang and Allyson Kwong are pictured.**

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# PUTTING IMAGES INTO PERSPECTIVE

## Photographer takes reality to a new level

BY KAREN ROSE  
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Philosophers enjoy debating the definition of reality. Life's multidimensional layers mean two people can look at the same subject, yet experience it differently depending upon the perspective they choose to adopt. Local artist and photographer Almitra Karastan shares her unique perspectives on humanity, and captures them in stunning images that make reality simultaneously authentic and alternative.

"I take images and work with them to create a different mood or style," said Karastan. "I set the composition, then warp reality by changing the perspective. Because if I can change perspective, then I can change

what is reading as reality."

Karastan grew up in Seattle where she attended art school and studied perspective, line, color and shape. Raised by her mother, who was a professional businesswoman, Karastan spent much of her childhood watching films and listening to cinematic music, which sparked her creativity for movement.

"When I hear music, I experience it visually like a movie," she said. "I watched a lot of films when I was younger, so, I see life a lot like a movie. There are angles in film-making that are unique compared to still photography, so when I'm on a shoot or I have a vision, it's more from a cinematic or film makers point of view. I like to capture the motion and moments that are not necessarily so

planned — moments of human experience where the guard is down for just a split second."

Karastan's photos are shot from uncommon perspectives with models that project an air of raw human emotion. Her work is larger than life because of the angles she chooses to shoot from. Taking her angles to an extreme, she makes an 8-foot piece of fabric appear as a 20-foot cascading waterfall of fabric.

"A lot of people will see a scene like a beach or a person, but I like to look at what's being presented to me, then take the opposite approach," said Karastan. "For example when taking a photo of a beach, most people will take it from the perspective of the sand — a common perspective. However,

I would go to the edge of the sand or get in the water and get my angles from there."

Finding inspiration through filmmakers such as Tim Burton, Ridley Scott and David Lynch, as well as the grunge/Goth era of the 1990s and 1950s Hollywood to name a few, Karastan is drawn to stories where the character is experiencing darkness, yet their innocence and authenticity still shines through.

"There's always a facade people turn on when the camera comes out, and they want to just turn it on," she said. "There's all these things we think we have to be, and I'm just waiting for that moment when my subject lets their guard down. A good example is Marilyn Monroe. Most of her famous photos are of her not knowing what the hell is going on. It's not that

she was ditzy, there's just these moments where her dress is all caught up for example. She's not trying to be anyone else in those photos. That's what I want to capture. I want to see the person beyond the facade."

Karastan wishes to push the boundaries with her work and break free of the confinements society places upon itself through images.

"I want to create pieces that are provocative, but not necessarily in a sexual way," she said. "We're so conditioned to behave appropriately, so I want to capture images where the subjects break free of those confinements, as everyone else around them is conditioned to meet societal expectations."

*For more information and to view more photos, visit [www.almitrakarastan.com](http://www.almitrakarastan.com)* ■



Samantha Nakamoto is graced by white fabric in this photograph captured by Almitra Karastan. Karastan wishes to push the boundaries with her work and break free of the confinements society places upon itself through images.





**Cara Viana Hollenbeck showcases a red dress. Karastan's photos are shot from uncommon perspectives with models that project an air of raw human emotion.** PHOTOS BY ALMITRA KARASTAN/SPECIAL TO WEST HAWAII TODAY









## Author readings Monday

North Kohala's published and amateur authors will read from their recent work and share stories of their writing life from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday at North Kohala Public Library in Kapaau.

The free event runs from 6-7:30 p.m.

*Info: Call 889-6655.*

## Nonfiction book club gathers Tuesday

Kona Stories hosts a nonfiction book club discussing "Prisoners of Geography – Ten maps that explain everything about the world" by Tim Marshall on Tuesday.

Maps have a mysterious hold over us. Whether ancient, crumbling parchments or generated by Google, maps tell us things we want to know, not only about our current location or where we are going but about the world in general. And yet, when it comes to geopolitics, much of what we are told is generated by analysts and other experts who have neglected to refer to a map of the place in question. All leaders of nations are constrained by geography.

In "one of the best books about geopolitics" (The Evening Standard), now updated to include 2016 geopolitical developments, Marshall, a journalist, examines Russia, China, the U.S., Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Japan, Korea, Greenland and the Arctic — their weather, seas, mountains, rivers, deserts and borders— to provide a context often missing from our political reportage: How the physical characteristics of these countries affect their strengths and vulnerabilities and the decisions made by their leaders.

Offering "a fresh way of looking at maps" (The New York Times Book Review), Marshall explains the complex geopolitical strategies that shape the globe. Why is Putin so obsessed with Crimea? Why was the U.S. destined to become a global superpower? Why does China's power base continue to expand? Why is Tibet destined to lose its autonomy? Why will Europe never be united? The answers are geographical. "In an ever more complex, chaotic, and interlinked world, 'Prisoners of Geography' is a concise and useful primer on geopolitics" (Newsweek) and a critical guide to one of the major determining factors in world affairs.

The group meets at 6 p.m. at the store. Book groups are free if books are purchased at Kona Stories, or a \$5 donation is requested.

*Info: Contact Brenda or Joy at 324-0350 or visit [www.konastories.com](http://www.konastories.com).*

## Dufault to discuss new book

The Naalehu Public Library will host local author Dr. Renee Dufault on Thursday in Ka'u.

Dufault will discuss her new book, "Unsafe at Any Meal: What the FDA Does Not Want You to Know About the Foods You Eat," during the free 4:30-5:30 p.m. event at the library.

Dufault became a medical laboratory specialist when she joined the U.S. Army in 1976. Following her four-year service, she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in environmental policy analysis and planning at the University of California at Davis. She then served in the Navy for two years as an industrial hygiene officer, before transferring to the Public Health Service, where she served as an Environmental Health Officer. During her 14 years at the PHS, she worked at the National Institutes of Health, Environmental Protection Agency and Food and Drug Administration, where she provided expertise in the areas of toxicology, environmental health and industrial hygiene. Since retiring, she has went on to earn a doctorate in health education. In addition, she is the founding executive director of the Food Ingredient and Health Research Institute, and, as such, collaborates with scientists worldwide to conduct studies and publish papers focused on the many toxic substances still contained in our present food supply. A worldwide speaker, Dufault has had numerous articles published in peer-reviewed journals. She currently resides in Hawaii.

*Info: Call 939-2442.*



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT Wrap-Up

## Shows & events

### Honokaa hosts International Day of Peace Parade, Festival

The 11th annual International Day of Peace Parade and Festival is Saturday in Honokaa.

Celebrating the annual United Nations International Day of Peace, the town will host the parade, which runs down Mamane Street and includes bands, dancers, drummers and entertainers. A Peace Day Festival follows. Festivities get underway at 11 a.m.

*Info: Visit [www.peacedayparade.org](http://www.peacedayparade.org).*

### Hispanic Cultural Festival Sunday

The third annual Hispanic Cultural Festival will be held from 4-9 p.m. on Sunday at Old Kona Airport's Makaeo Events Pavilion.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a national celebration and was created to acknowledge the many contributions to American culture by Latino citizens of the U.S. or those with ancestors in Spain, Mexico, and Central or South America and runs from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. Annually, nonprofit Comunidad Latina de Hawaii holds the Hispanic Cultural Festival to celebrate culture, diversity and the integration of Hawaii communities.

All are invited to come and celebrate, as well as to perpetuate the Latino culture through music, dance, food and art.

*Info: Contact Angela at [adean@comunidad-latinadehawaii.com](mailto:adean@comunidad-latinadehawaii.com).*

### Baroque music concerts slated

Ohrlando's Chamber Ensemble commences its 2017-18 Concert Series with a program dedicat-

ed to the Baroque period, which the ensemble said concertgoers enjoyed most during previous series.

Ursula Hesse will perform a solo piece for the harpsichord to enrich the program. She will also be joined by Roland Mauer, on oboe, oboe d'amore and bassoon, and Mary Collier on violin and Kathy Fraser, violoncello. Collier and Fraser helped Ohrlando start the series four years ago.

In addition to composers like Georg Friedrich Handel and Antonio Vivaldi, lesser-known names like Christoph Schaffrath and Johann Adam Birckenstock will be part of the program.

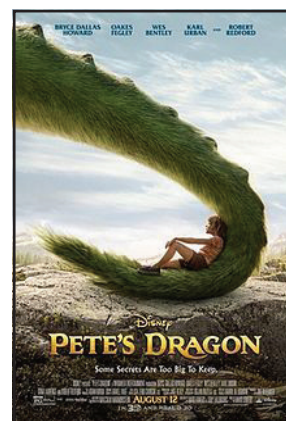
Concerts are slated at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 1 at Holo Holo Ku Gatehouse, 67-500 Holo Holo Ku Way, in Waimea, and at 4 p.m. on Oct. 8 at a private residence in Kailua-Kona. Admission is free, however, a \$15 donation is suggested.

*Info/reservations: Email [roland.maurer@gmx.ch](mailto:roland.maurer@gmx.ch) or call 315-7666.*

## Film screenings

### Movies Under the Stars featuring 'Pete's Dragon'

Queens' MarketPlace will host its monthly Movies Under the Stars event on Saturday with a showing of "Pete's Dragon."



Attendees should bring a beach chair or blanket for the free outdoor movie that gets underway at dusk, about 6:20 p.m., at the Coronation Pavilion.

This PG film tells the adventures of an orphaned boy named Pete and his best friend Elliot, who just so happens to be a dragon.

*Info: [www.queens-marketplace.net](http://www.queens-marketplace.net).*

### 'Beat the Devil' to be shown

Kahilu Theatre hosts a screening of the classic film "Beat the Devil" at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

The 1953 film, written and directed by John Huston, stars Humphrey Bogart. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online.

*Info: Visit [www.kahilutheatre.org](http://www.kahilutheatre.org).*

## Announcements

### Auditions slated for 'A Gilbert and Sullivan Christmas Carol'

Kilauea Drama and Entertainment Network announces auditions for "A Gilbert and Sullivan Christmas Carol." The auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 and at 10 a.m. on Oct. 21 at Kilauea Military Camp's Kilauea Theatre. Those auditioning should prepare a song that best features their vocal ability. There are parts available for all ages, from Scrooge to Tiny Tim.

"A Gilbert and Sullivan Christmas Carol" with story by Charles Dickens, music by Arthur Sullivan, and Words by Gayden Wren (inspired by W.S. Gilbert) is another look at the Christmas classic with the bonus of Gilbert and Sullivan music. The show uses songs from many of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas; an example is the three ghosts sing "Three Little Maids from School" from "The Mikado" but with lyrics that suit the show. Suzi Bond is directing the show with musical direction by Walter Greenwood.

"A Gilbert and Sullivan Christmas Carol" will play for one weekend only, Dec. 14-17.

*Info: Call 982-7344 or email [kden73@aol.com](mailto:kden73@aol.com).*

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# Romano's Macaroni Grill presents special 'end-of-summer' two-course menu

BY KAREN ANDERSON  
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Located at Queens' MarketPlace in Waikoloa Beach Resort, Romano's Macaroni Grill believes that every season is worth celebrating. With summer coming to a close, the family-friendly Italian eatery is wrapping up its limited-time "End of Summer" celebration with a special Fine Dell'Estate menu.

Available through Sunday, the discounted two-course menu features your choice of a delicious appetizer and a sizeable entrée for just \$22.95. Whichever combination you choose, the array of selections is sure to appeal to every member of the family.

As part of the End of Summer special, the restaurant is highlighting some of its most popular appetizers, such as the Signature Mac & Cheese Bites, and the Goat Cheese Peppadew Peppers topped with toasted breadcrumbs and sweet, tangy honey-balsamic glaze. Other available appetizers are the delectable Crispy Fresh Mozzarella, the savory Zucchini Fritti, and the comforting Blackboard Soup.

Entrée selections for the two-course menu range from the always-popular Penne Rustica — served with roasted chicken, shrimp and prosciutto tossed in rosemary cream sauce — to the classic Lasagna Bolognese, teeming with fresh, natural ingredients like Italian sausage and grana padano. Other entrées on the special menu include Carmela's Chicken; Mushroom Ravioli; Chicken Parmesan; and Butternut Asiago Tortellacci, which features four-cheese stuffed tortellacci, asiago cream, butternut squash, prosciutto and Parmesan. Not to be outdone, Mom's Ricotta Meatballs & Spaghetti is served with house-made beef, veal, pork and ricotta meatballs.

Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, Romano's Macaroni Grill features an impressive regular menu that includes artisan pizza, seafood



*The Signature Mac & Cheese Bites are available on the special two-course menu featuring choice of appetizer and entrée for \$22.95 per person.* COURTESY PHOTO

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## ROMANO'S MACARONI GRILL

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pasta, a kids’ menu, and a variety of salads. An intriguing flavor combination can be found in the Bibb & Bleu Salad, brimming with bibb leaves, Gorgonzola, walnuts, crispy Prosciutto and onions, pickled red onions and buttermilk ranch. Special icons on the menu denote dishes that are 600 calories or fewer.

As part of the restaurant’s ongoing commitment to local business and products, the menu features fresh Lalamilo greens from JA Farms, fresh Tahitian limes from Hall’s Farm, fresh-caught island fish from Asa Suguitan, and many other locally grown items.

Patrons can also enjoy curbside service for their to-go orders. Call a half-hour ahead to place your order, then pull into one of Romano’s special to-go parking spaces at Queens’ MarketPlace and your food will be delivered to you as you wait in your car.

With school back in session, Romano’s Macaroni Grill Waikoloa provides the perfect venue for local schools, teams or clubs to host a fundraising event. The restaurant will donate 20 percent of the purchases from your group to your school or organization. Call the management team at (808) 443-5515 for more information. ■



Romano’s Macaroni Grill is located at Queens’ MarketPlace in Waikoloa Beach Resort. KAREN ANDERSON/SPECIAL TO WEST HAWAII TODAY

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## Toast of the Town



# Cocktails with a view in Kailua-Kona

BY KAREN ANDERSON

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Green-flash sunsets and tropical cocktails go hand in hand in West Hawaii, where a plethora of great restaurants offer spectacular ocean views to cap off your day.

Situated above Keauhou Shopping Center, Sam Choy's Kai Lanai showcases panoramic views of the Keauhou and Kona coastlines. Happy hour takes place daily from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and fresh, island appetizers are always on the menu.

Located on Alii Drive, Foster's Kitchen unveils second-story views from its hip, casual venue at Coconut Grove MarketPlace. The innovative menu presents gourmet offerings at reasonable prices. Signature cocktails are handcrafted with fresh juices and ingredients.

Another popular spot for watching a sunset, Bongo Ben's Island Café offers happy hour daily from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The open-air venue sits directly across from Kailua Bay. Every seat has an ocean view.

Located across from Royal Kona Resort above Alii Drive, Habaneros Grill



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*Sam Choy's Kai Lanai features sweeping views of the Keauhou coastline.* COURTESY PHOTO



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serves traditional and contemporary Mexican cuisine. Ocean views can be seen from inside the restaurant, and especially on the second story, which can be rented for private parties.

Offering one of the most dramatic views in all of Kona, Rays on the Bay overlooks the manta ray “village” of Keauhou Bay. Guests can dine around fire pits while watching the manta ray tour boats bob on the illuminated water beyond. A new roster of signature cocktails has just been unveiled at Rays on the Bay. ■



Bongo Ben’s Island Café offers sunset cocktails with a view. COURTESY PHOTO

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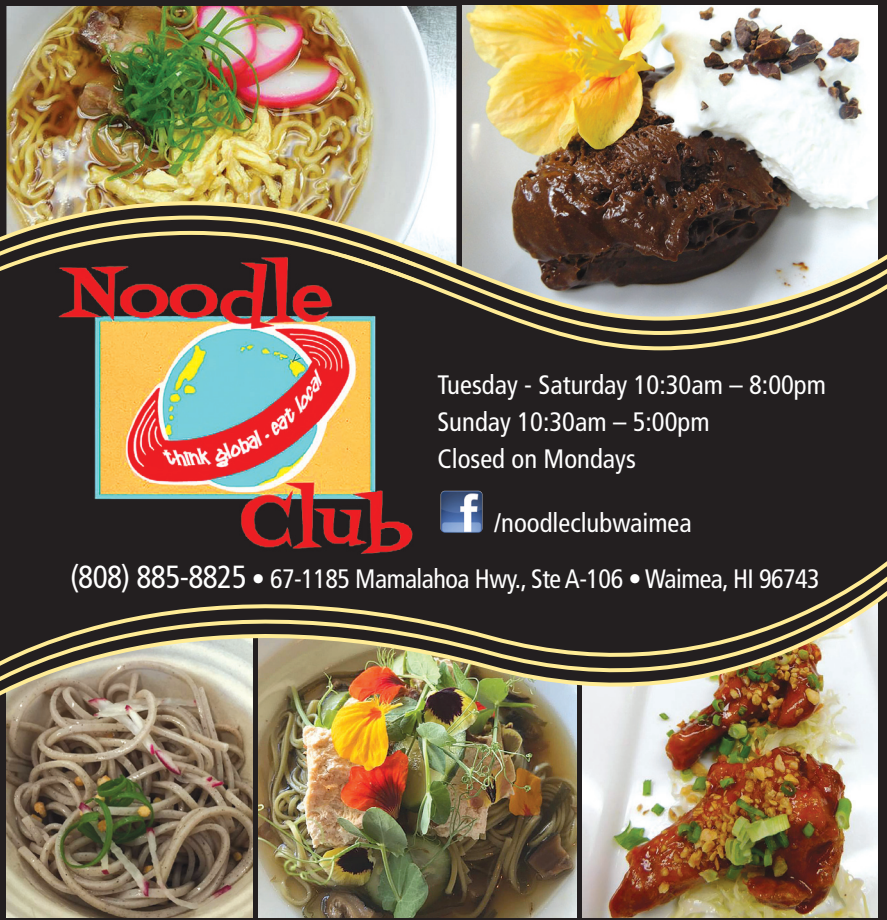


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# Celebrate Aloha Fridays at The CanoeHouse

BY KAREN ANDERSON  
SPECIAL TO WEST HAWAII TODAY

One of the most romantic destinations in Hawaii Nei, The CanoeHouse presents a magical setting for memorable dining on the Kohala Coast.

On Friday evenings, there's no better place to celebrate Aloha Friday than The CanoeHouse, the oceanfront restaurant at Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows. Whether you're partaking in a sunset cocktail, savoring fresh island cuisine created by Chef Allan Nagun, or experiencing the personalized culinary offerings of Captain's Table, The CanoeHouse provides an amazing backdrop for kicking off your weekend in style.

On the appetizer list, Chef Allan's signature Poke-Rita spotlights premium ahi caught locally and served with avocado salsa and a variety of savory ingredients including truffle snow. Perfect for sharing, the Pupu Platter features Kauai shrimp, pork ribs and ahi poke paired with smashed avocado and wonton chips. Other



*A personalized culinary event, Captain's Table takes place every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at The CanoeHouse.* COURTESY PHOTO

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must-try appetizers include seafood raised locally at NELHA, showcased in such dishes as the delectable Tempura Big Island Lobster or the coveted Kona Abalone.

A veteran member of the Mauna Lani culinary team for the last 14 years, Chef Nagun brings his knowledge of local ingredients to the forefront. His Hawaiian Catch of the Day, for example, spotlights house-spiced macadamia nuts and black rice drizzled in Thai coconut curry sauce and topped with pineapple relish. Highlighting locally raised beef, the Hawaii Ranchers Filet Mignon is served with Waimea roasted vegetables and curried mango coulis.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, Chef Allan takes the helm at Captain's Table, a personalized culinary event in which guests are seated at a large custom-crafted mango table. The interactive and educational encounter features a blind tasting menu comprised primarily of locally sustainable products.

To make a reservation for Captain's Table, contact David Erickson at CanoeHouse@MaunaLani.com at least 48 hours prior. Captain's Table is \$125 per person; \$175 with wine pairings (plus tax and gratuity). ■



*Fresh island ingredients highlight Chef Allan Nagun's menu at The CanoeHouse, the oceanfront restaurant at Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows.* COURTESY PHOTO



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## Word on the Str(eat)!

### A-Bays Island Grill

There's nothing to complain about this restaurant. We went here at least 2x during our Waikoloa visit and every time we came, we received excellent customer service. One particular staff, Suzanne was terrific. She was attentive, friendly and answered all of our questions. She even gave us tips on where to go exploring in Kona. I would definitely come back here again.

**Joanne C.**  
Kauai, HI

### Sansei Seafood Restaurant & Sushi Bar

Ate here twice during our 4 day stay at the Marriott Waikoloa resort. They have Asian and Hawaiian dishes and of course sushi. The poke was fabulous. Despite the crowds, the service was good. There is a wide selection of seafood and drinks. Try the fried ice cream, it's delicious. It's located in a plaza with many retail stores and other restaurants. Not far from the hotels. Parking is abundant. Very reasonable prices for paradise. If you like sushi go there!

**Lmarquardt**  
Rochester, NY

### CanoeHouse

This is one of those wonderful restaurants you go to, fall in love with, and want to go back. In our case, we couldn't extend our vacation. Having a glass of wine (nice to have the option of a half carafe on the wine menu; wish more restaurants offered that as one glass of wine is sometimes not enough, and ordering a second gets expensive). My ahi was superb, the dessert decadent, the lamplighter ceremony was unique and unexpected, AND the house singer was GREAT — he did James Taylor (sounded very much like him), John Denver, and the Eagles songs. Ahhhh, I miss this place. (And a special shout out to our special server — Aleke — hope I spelled her name correctly.) A joy from start to finish!

**Bob C.**  
Petaluma

### Sam Choy's

If you want to get out of Kona town and have a great meal with an awesome view go here. The cocktails are unique and well crafted (I recommend a hurricane) and the entrees well presented and tasty. We had a chicken dish in peanut sauce, which was excellent. Our friends

shared a huge calamari salad and loved it. The waitress was accommodating and efficient. I would go here to just hang out and watch the sunset if I lived here.

**creuther**  
Escondido, CA

### Ippy's Hawaiian Barbeque

Located in the Queens' MarketPlace Food Court, Ippy's Hawaiian Barbeque offers a diverse menu with inexpensive tasty dishes. There are sandwich options, Up Country entrees like Loco Moco, Teriyaki, Kalua Pig or ribs and Hawaii Style mixed plates. The Mahi seared with ginger sauce, the grilled Ono and the Kalua pig accompanied by rice or fries, Mac salad or Cole slaw were excellent. You place your order at the counter, get a number and grab a table in the large open indoor dining area as you wait for meal to be cooked to order.

**KLE2013**  
Centreville, VA

### The Bay Terrace at Mauna Lani

Every morning we headed down to the Bay Terrace for breakfast. Our plan included the daily buffet, so we had quite a choice daily. The buffet was wonderful!

It had everything from freshly made (in front of you) omelets, to other eggs, hash browns, breads, fruit, meats, cereals and sweets. They even have a section for ethnic foods, if that is what you prefer. The seating was mostly outside, where the morning view was wonderful. Almost every morning we were there, we had Pina taking good care of us. Everyone there was very nice and helpful. We were even greeted every morning by the birds that just wait for handouts. If it takes a little too long for a table to be cleared. The birds jumped in to clear. :) If you are planning on staying there at the hotel, get on the plan that includes the buffet. You will not be disappointed.

**gldnpupper27**  
Knoxville, TN

### Haleo Luau

This was an amazing show. The MC Aunty Tutu was funny, sweet and very engaging. The music was great and the dancing and talent was amazing. The food was buffet style and the host was accommodating with our dietary needs. We even got to go on stage and dance for our anniversary. Highly recommend!

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