

## IA ORANA, Group Directors!

This year marks our 5th annual Ori Fest here in Las Vegas and we want to thank you for growing with us! We would like to extend an invitation to you and your dance family to join us again, or for the first time, and allow us the honor of hosting your dancers on our stage! This year, Ori Fest will be held at the Texas Station Hotel & Casino on **Saturday, March 23, 2019**.

We have a few additions & changes to our solo competition format that you can find in our Soloist Packet and we are looking for any groups interested in entering in our "5x5 Group" 'Ōte'a competition. The idea is to enter your best 5 female dancers & best 5 male dancers onto a competitive platform that only focuses on 'ŌTE'A & ORERO. We wanted this concept to reach dance groups that are fairly smaller in size, and/or inspire newly established dance studios, the opportunity to enter quality on a smaller scale! This is not limited to the large dance groups, as this is a stage where you can designate an elite team of dancers to represent the caliber of your performance art.

My wife and I are committed to serving as keepers of the Polynesian culture through performing arts and as a staff, we want to steward an emerging generation of dancers who have the same heart to preserve & perpetuate our stories. It is through events such as this Tahitian Solo dance & group competition, that we can culminate a family atmosphere woven through the development & fellowship of the community.

In this package, you will find all the necessary forms needed to register your participation in Ori Fest 2019 - Solos and 5x5 Group 'Ōte'a. We hope to see you and your families this March!

Meitaki & Kia manuia! Henry George & the Ori Fest family