



## SOLOIST PACKET

IA ORANA & Welcome back to the competition season!

It is an honor to have you as a returning, or new competitor, to the Ori Fest stage! We are excited to celebrate our 5th annual Ori Fest Tahitian dance competition right here in the entertainment capital of LAS VEGAS! This year, Ori Fest will be held at the Texas Station Hotel & Casino on **Saturday, March 23, 2019** and we want to thank you for growing with us!

This season we have some important additions/changes to our solo competition and we want to keep you in the loop:

- The age categories are grouped differently.
- The Beginner/Intermediate skill grade will only be available up to the 17 age group. If you are a 18+ you can only register in the Advanced skill grade.
- There are new Overall prizes including a round-trip ticket to Tahiti!
- Aside from the Junior & Senior division, there is a new "Diva" division that will serve as a platform to recognize the skill, tenacity and passion of our seasoned dancers from the older category.

Make sure to read through the pages below for more details. In this package, you will find all the necessary forms needed to register your participation in the solo portion of the Ori Fest 2019 Solos.

We hope to see you and your families this March!

Meitaki & Kia manuia!

Henry George & the Ori Fest family



## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SOLOS

Rules and Regulations are designed to monitor the participants “solo” performances in all nine (9) age groups and skill levels. Each registered contestant will be assigned a solo number. All registered contestants **will not be required** to purchase a ticket on the day of the competition.

➤ **\*NEW AGE CATEGORIES & DIVISIONS** (Beginner/Intermediate OR Advanced skill grades)  
*An EXHIBITION category is available to our tamari'i ages 5 & under.* This category is not judged and serves as a fun, ice-breaker platform for our future competing soloists.

See the table below to view your division, age category & select your skill grade:

DIVISIONS	AGE CATEGORIES	SKILL GRADE	
<b>JUNIOR</b> Tamaroa/ Tamahine	6-9	Beginner/Intermediate	Advanced
	10-13	Beginner/Intermediate	Advanced
	14-17	Beginner/Intermediate	Advanced
<b>SENIOR</b> Tane/Vahine	18-22	Beginner/Intermediate	Advanced
	23-27	Advanced	
	28-33	Advanced	
	34-39	Advanced	
<b>DIVA</b> Tane/Vahine	40-49	Advanced	
	50+ DIVA ROUND	Advanced	

**\*The Beginner/Intermediate skill grade is only available to the Junior division (ages 6-17).** There is NO Beginner/Intermediate skill grade for the Senior and Diva division (ages 18+).



## ➤ ELIGIBILITY

- All dancers must be within their respective age categories to be eligible to participate.
- This Tahitian dance competition is open to any Pupu Ori (dance group), studio, organization, dance company, and/or independent soloist(s).
- There is no limit as to the number of soloists per dance group.
- Each solo contestant must complete an online registration packet and submit it with their fee of \$52 before the official cut-off date: **Wednesday, March 20, 2019** at 11:59 PM.  
*No entry will be allowed by mail.*

**\* There will be NO walk-ins or SAME DAY registration.**

## ➤ SKILL GRADE

- **Beginner/Intermediate:** Soloists who has never won a first place or overall award in a solo or senior professional group competition. One who has been taking classes less than 2 years and is not a regular dancer at performances with a current dance group. Ra'atirea (Group Leader) makes the final determination.
- **Advanced (Professional):** Soloist who have been awarded 1st, 2nd 3rd place or overall award in any professional group or solo competition. One who has danced for more than 3 years or has performed in shows. It is advised that Ra'atira (Group Leader) makes the final determination.

*It is the Ra'atira's (Group Leader) responsibility to objectively review and rate the level of their dancers before competition and this should be reflected on the contestant's entry form.*

## ➤ ELIMINATION PROCESS

The elimination process consists of a First round (Eliminations) and a Final round. A semi-final round may be added at our discretion if an age category has more than 20 contestants. An Overall round will be conducted for all 1st place winners in the Advanced divisions only.

- **FIRST ROUND & SEMI-FINAL ROUND (if applied)** will be in groups of up to five (5) or less dancers at a time. Any division with four (4) or less participants will automatically advance to the Final round, but will still perform in the First round.  
*\*Group size may be changed at our discretion*
- **FINAL ROUND** will be staged by category and division in which 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be chosen. *\* Scoring will be the standard 1-5 scale in 5 categories*



- **OVERALL ROUND** will be conducted for all 1st place winners from the *Advanced* skill grade only. Following the Award ceremony, each Tane & Vahine will compete against each other within their Junior, Senior & Diva divisions. This round is not scored and the judge panel will select the victor by majority vote.

**TIE BREAKERS** - In case of a tie, dancers will be in a dance-off. The winner of the dance-off will be selected by majority vote of the judge panel.

**OVERALL WINNER(S)** - The title is only available to competitors in the Advanced skill grade.

- A **Junior** Overall *Tane* and *Vahine* is selected (2)
- A **Senior** Overall *Tane* and *Vahine* is selected (2)
- A **Diva** Overall *Tane* and *Diva* is selected (2)

➤ **COSTUME** - Applies to all rounds

- **VAHINE** - All Vahine soloists can wear a solid pareo only; **side-tie** only. The pareo length should be NO shorter than 3" from the top of the knee.
  - *Pareos will be checked for length by backstage staff prior to entering the stage.*
  - *A five (5) point deduction for a short pareo and/or hand-held items will be applied.*
  - *Points will be deducted if pareo comes apart.*
- **NO silk pareos** (Cotton and Rayon pareos are allowed)
- Fresh and natural adornments are allowed.
- **NO silk or plastic floral/plant materials**
- **NO hip adornments**
- **NO hand-held items**
- **TANE** - All Tane soloists have the option of wearing a "maro" or "tihere" style pareo.
  - *Points will be deducted if pareo comes apart.*
- Leg adornments are allowed
- Chest pieces are allowed
- Fresh and natural adornments are allowed
- **NO hand-held items**
- **NO silk or plastic floral/plant material**



## ➤ SCORING

The judge panel will score solo performances according to the following rubric:

- **Costume:** Creativity and quality of costumes (*Must abide costume guidelines as mentioned above*)
- **Technique:** Knowledge of basic Tahitian dance steps
- **Execution:** Ability to carry out technical/difficult steps in full. Ability to implement variation of technique.
- **Freestyle Creativity:** Ability to create & transition dance moves to different beats on the spot. Precision & timing are taken into account.
- **Expression/Stamina:** Confidence in performance, stage presence, energy & endurance.

*\* A five (3) point deduction for a short pareo and/or hand-held items will be applied.*

*\* (5) Points will be deducted if pareo comes apart.*

## ➤ AWARDS

- All Exhibition dancers will receive an appreciation gift for participation
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category will receive a hand-made trophy
- The **Overall dancers** for this year will be awarded with the following prizes:

DIVISIONS	TITLE	PRIZE
JUNIOR	Overall Tane	A trophy and \$150 cash prize
	Overall Vahine	A trophy and \$150 cash prize
SENIOR	Overall Tane	A trophy and a round-trip ticket to Tahiti to compete in the Ori Tahiti Nui competition <i>*Terms apply</i>
	Overall Vahine	A trophy and a round-trip ticket to Tahiti to compete in the Ori Tahiti Nui competition <i>*Terms apply</i>
DIVA	Overall Diva	A trophy and \$250 cash prize
	Overall Tane	A trophy and \$250 cash prize

***\*Terms apply-** Ori Fest will select your flight and date of travel. Cash will not be provided. The round-trip ticket is only valid in the year of your title win for the specific purpose of participating in the Ori Tahiti Nui competition in Tahiti (eight months following Ori Fest). This airplane ticket is only to be applied to the Senior Overall dancer(s) and does not cover any Ori Tahiti Nui competition entry fees or hotel stay and/or transportation on the island. This round-trip ticket prize is solely an airfare complimentary of Ori Fest.*



➤ **DRUMMING AND TIME**

- House drummers will be provided for all Ori solo participants.
- Dancing will be freestyle/impromptu & drumming will be a variation of basic beats.
- Beats played in the Elimination (and Semi-Final round, if applied) will be 1 minute in length.
- Final round beats will 1 ½ minutes - 2 minutes maximum.

*\* Time limits may be changed at our discretion*

➤ **CHECK-IN**

- **Saturday, March 23, 2019** all soloists must check in at the entrance of the Venue to receive a participant number and wristband (for entry).
- If you lose your wristband(s), you will have to purchase a new one for \$20 each
- Check-in at 7:30AM – 8:30AM.
- Doors open (tentative): 9 AM

*\* Times are tentative and may be changed at our discretion*