



SOLOIST PACKET

IA ORANA TATOU PA'ATOAA!

Tevakanui is excited to announce our annual Ori Fest in Las Vegas! It is to be held at the Texas Station Hotel & Casino on Saturday, March 24, 2018. We would like to extend an invitation to all Polynesian dance groups here in the Mainland and abroad to join us on stage, for fun and excitement, in the entertainment capital of the world... LAS VEGAS!

As a staff, it is our commitment to be ambassadors of the beautiful Polynesian culture with the goal to preserve and perpetuate. It is through events such as this Tahitian Solo dance competition, that we can culminate a family atmosphere woven through the arts and community.

In this package, you will find all the necessary INFO needed for your participation in the Ori Fest 2018. We look forward to seeing at the Fete!

Mauruuru roa and Kia manuia!

-Enere George



RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SOLOS

Rules and Regulations are designed to monitor the participants “solo” performances in all fourteen (12) age groups and divisions.

AGE CATEGORIES & DIVISIONS (Each Division is Beginner/Intermediate OR Advanced)

Tamari'i (Exhibition)	Tamaroa/Tamahine	Taure'a Tane/Vahine	Tane/Vahine	Masters
5 & under	6-8 yrs	12-14 yrs	18-22 yrs	43+ yrs
	9-11 yrs	15-17 yrs	23-27 yrs	
			28-32 yrs	
			32-37 yrs	
			38-42 yrs	

➤ **ELIMINATION PROCESS**

- The elimination process consists of: First round (eliminations), a Final Round, and an Overall Round. A semi-final round may be added at our discretion if an age category has more than 20 contestants
- Groups of Beginner/Intermediate will go first then Groups of Advanced will follow
- **FIRST & SEMI-FINAL ROUND** (if needed) 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
 - Group size may be changed at our discretion
 - Scoring will be a single score on a 1-5 scale
- **FINAL ROUND** will be staged by category and division in which 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be chosen
 - Scoring will be the standard 1-5 scale in 5 categories
- **OVERALL WINNER** The title is only available in the advanced level solo competition portion of Ori Fest. All first place winners from every advanced soloist age category will compete in an Overall Round following the Award ceremony. One (1) Overall Vahine and one (1) Overall Tane is selected
- **TIE BREAKERS** In case of a tie, dancers will be in a dance-off



➤ **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 deadline: **Sunday, March 18, 2018**
 - No entry will be allowed by mail
 - Paper applications may be used the morning of the competition only.
(Application, Hold Harmless Agreement, and Payment of \$65)
- 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.

➤ **DIVISIONS**

- **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.
- **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.
- 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.



➤ **COSTUME** – Applies to all rounds

• **VAHINE**

All Vahine soloists can wear a printed OR solid pareo; **side-tie** only

- NO silk pareos (Cotton and Rayon pareos are allowed)
- Fresh and natural adornments are allowed. NO silk or plastic floral/plant materials allowed
- NO hip adornments
- NO hand held items
- The pareo length should be NO shorter than 3” from the top of the knee.
 - *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*

• **TANE**

All Tane soloists have the option of wearing a “maro” or “tihere” style pareo

- Chest pieces are allowed
- NO hand-held items
- Fresh and natural adornments are allowed. NO silk or plastic floral/plant materials allowed
- Leg adornments are allowed
 - *Points will be deducted if pareo comes apart*

➤ **DRUMMING AND TIME**

- House drummers will be provided for all Ori solo participants. Dancing will be impromptu.
- All solo divisions will be 1 ½ minutes to 2 minutes maximum
 - Time limits may be changed at our discretion

➤ **CHECK IN**

- **Saturday, March 24, 2018** all soloists must check in at the entrance of the Venue to receive a participant number and wrist band (for entry).
- If you lose your wristband(s), you will have to purchase a new one for \$20 each
- Check-in 7:30AM – 8:30AM. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHECK-IN AFTER 8:30 AM**
- Doors open: 9 AM