



CIRQUE DU SOLEIL® 'AUANA

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Cirque du Soleil Unveils the Awe-Inspiring Acts Debuting in 'Auana

Hawai'i's first-ever resident Cirque du Soleil production to honor Hawaiian culture and history

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HONOLULU, HAWAII'Ī (SEPTEMBER 25, 2024) –'Auana, the first resident show in Hawai'i for Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group, features dynamic acts inspired by the islands' rich culture, and will open exclusively at the new OUTRIGGER Theatre at OUTRIGGER Waikīkī Beachcomber Hotel. Additional tickets are now on sale for performances starting December 5, 2024 leading up to the world premiere on December 17, 2024.

Unbound by the constraints of reality, 'Auana both reimagines and pays homage to the magnificent Hawaiian spirit through Cirque du Soleil's signature artistry and daring feats of athletic prowess. A riveting lineup of international and local talent delivers world-class acrobatics, outrageous comedy, mesmerizing hula, and captivating music in this lively celebration of Hawai'i.

The compelling narrative of 'Auana unfolds across eight chapters, each telling a distinct Hawaiian story. The opening act begins with a stunning interpretation of the Polynesian migration to the islands, as a high-flying super troupe of acrobats is propelled by voyaging swings, taking to the sky.

Scenes shift to explore the "golden age of tourism" with a duo of foot jugglers using only their bodies to perform intricate flips and twists. An homage to *Hina*, goddess of the moon, will be represented by a graceful Lyra (aerial hoop) act before the beloved tale of *Naupaka* is brought to life by a highly skilled roller-skating duo that defy gravity with incredible spins, strength and flexibility.

Paying homage to the birthplace of *he'e nalu* (surfing), an acrobatic balancing Rola Bola act exemplifies the skill and agility of surfers live on stage. The next energetic chapter combines acrobatics, dance, strength, playful swimming and diving in a water bowl to showcase O'ahu chiefess *Māmala*, a legendary surf rider and *Mo'o*, who could alternate between the form of a beautiful woman and giant lizard. An artistic sand painter then celebrates the spirituality of the Hawaiian people and their connection to the land before 'Auana comes to a close with the red-hot Wheel of Life act, a daring acrobatic portrayal of *'alae 'ula* birds and their role in the mythical origins of fire.

"Our collective—as a group of artists, designers and cultural creatives—has brought a fantastical and otherworldly journey to life through the songs, stories and traditions of our Hawai'i, with heart-racing performances descended directly from the heroes and luminaries of Hawaiian traditions," said Aaron J. Salā, Creative Cultural Producer. "For so long, we have held 'Auana close to the chest and we are thrilled to share this project with Hawai'i and beyond thanks to the grandeur of Cirque du Soleil."

The unprecedented debut adds to the legendary genealogy of Waikīkī entertainment, bringing revelry right to the heart of this world-famous *wahi pana* (storied place) at the OUTRIGGER Waikīkī Beachcomber Hotel. The home for 'Auana will be a custom-designed, intimate theater space, seating 784 guests.

Join us for an unexplored, unexpected and unbelievable journey through the colorful tapestry of Hawaiian culture with Cirque du Soleil 'Auana. Tickets for 'Auana are now available at www.cirquedusoleil.com/hawaii for performances starting December 5, 2024. Ticket prices start at \$85 including taxes and fees plus a special 30% *kama'āina* (Hawai'i resident) discount is available. 'Auana will perform Wednesday through Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with no performances Monday and Tuesday. Show schedules are subject to change.

For more information about this joint venture led by OUTRIGGER Hospitality Group and Cirque du Soleil, follow [@cirquedusoleil.auana](https://www.instagram.com/cirquedusoleil.auana) on Instagram and [Cirque du Soleil Auana](https://www.facebook.com/Cirque-du-Soleil-Auana) on Facebook.

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Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group is a world leader in live entertainment. Building on four decades of pushing the boundaries of the imagination, the artistic entertainment company brings its creative approach to a large variety of artistic forms such as live shows, multimedia productions, long-form content, music, immersive experiences, and special events. Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group celebrates 40 years of defying reality, defining entertainment, and illuminating the world through art and creativity. Since its creation in 1984, more than 400 million people have been inspired on 6 continents and 86 countries. The Canadian company now employs more than 4000 employees, including 1200 artists from more than 80 different nationalities. For more information about Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group, please visit cirquedusoleil.com.

ABOUT OUTRIGGER HOSPITALITY GROUP

For more than 75 years, OUTRIGGER has charted a journey of discovery – expanding from Hawai'i to premier resort destinations including Fiji, Mauritius, Thailand and the Maldives. The privately held hospitality company invites guests to 'Come Be Here' with authentic Signature Experiences and the [Outrigger DISCOVERY loyalty program](#) – a member of the award-winning Global Hotel Alliance (GHA). OUTRIGGER's multi-branded portfolio includes OUTRIGGER® Resorts, OHANA Hotels by OUTRIGGER®, Hawaii Vacation Condos by Outrigger®, Kapalua Villas Maui and Honua Kai Resort & Spa Maui while also managing select properties from top international hotel brands including Embassy Suites by Hilton®. Find out more at OUTRIGGER.com or visit @OUTRIGGERResorts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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