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# Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i Offers Programming for All Ages

Celebrate Hawai'i Weekends, Aloha Nights, Live Music and Hula, Lei-Making Demonstrations, and More During Exhibition at NYBG May 19 through October 28, 2018



**Bronx, NY**—Visitors to The New York Botanical Garden's landmark exhibition, *Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i*, will enjoy a rich offering of programming, including regularly scheduled live music and hula, tours, films, and more every Saturday and Sunday during the exhibition's run from May 19 through October 28, 2018. Celebrate Hawai'i Weekends allow visitors to experience aspects of Hawaiian culture, while Aloha Nights offer evening viewing of the exhibition. Special programs for all ages highlight the Opening and Closing Weekends.

In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden from May 19 through September 21, *A Closer Look: Georgia O'Keeffe and Hawai'i* encourages children to investigate botanical specimens and create art inspired by O'Keeffe's unique style of representing close-up views of flowers and fruit. Children can also play at the Hawaiian sand table and pot up a tropical ginger cutting to take home.

Georgia O'Keeffe and Hawai'i: A Sense of Place Symposium Friday, May 18; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ross Hall

Moderated by curator Theresa Papanikolas, Ph.D., Deputy Director of Art and Programs and Curator of European and American Art at the Honolulu Museum of Art, this distinguished

panel explores the importance of landscape as Georgia O'Keeffe's creative refuge, inspiration, and source of restorative power. The panelists are DeSoto Brown, Historian and Archivist, Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu; Samuel M. 'Ohukaniōhi'a Gon III, Ph.D., Senior Scientist and Cultural Advisor, Hawai'i Nature Conservancy; and Carolyn Kastner, Ph.D., Curator, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe.

Members \$25/Non-Members \$29

# Hawaiian Performances, Demonstrations, & Film Saturdays & Sundays, May 19-October 28

Every weekend you'll be whisked away to the Hawaiian Islands with performances, events, and activities that celebrate the diverse cultural traditions of Hawaii. Enjoy hula, *plein air* painting, or see how a traditional lei is made. Explore Hawaiian culture through our *Hawaii Past and Present Film Series*.

Programs include:

# ■ Hula with Music; 12, 1, & 2 p.m.

For full schedule of performance groups, visit <a href="nybg.org">nybg.org</a>.

# ■ Artisan demonstrations; 1–4 p.m.

Activities include block printing, coconut ki'i puppet-making, lei-making, Hawaiian instrument crafting, poi-making, storytelling, and more.

For full schedule of artisans, visit nybg.org.

# ■ Hawai'i Past & Present Film Series, Sundays (except June 3); 2 p.m.

A revolving series of classic and recent movies, environmental documentaries, award-winning shorts and Hawai'i as imagined by 1930's Hollywood.

## Celebrate Hawai'i Weekends

# May 19 & 20; July 28 & 29; August 18 & 19; October 27 & 28

On these select weekends, NYBG, in collaboration with Hawai'i Tourism United States, will feature performers, artists, and artisans from Hawai'i, showcasing the time-honored traditions and unique cultural heritage of the Islands.

## ■ Opening Weekend, May 19 & 20

Welcome the exhibition with a celebration of traditional Hawaiian culture, including music, hula, and *kapa*- and lei-making demonstrations.

Festivities include:

- Hula Kahiko and 'Auana Performances with E Hula Mai Dance Academy
- Kapa Demonstrations with Micah Kamohoal'i
- **'Ukulele** with Jason Poole
- **Lei-making & Orchid Hair Pin Demonstrations**, courtesy of Hawaiian Airlines

#### ■ Fashion & Design Weekend, July 28 & 29

Style takes center stage with the Hawaiian fashion and design. Drop in for *kapa*-making, witness traditional tattoo demonstrations, and get a glimpse into the evolution

of fashion in Hawai'i and the cultural influences that inspire the contemporary designs of today.

Festivities include:

- The Art of Traditional Hawaiian Tattooing, a presentation and demonstration by master tattoo artist Keone Nunes
- Fashion Walk with Native Hawaiian Designer Manaola Yap
- Kapa Demonstrations with Micah Kamohoali'i
- **Ali'i Gown Display**, reproductions of Queen Kapi'olani's and Queen Lili'uokalani's gowns, commissioned by 'lolani Palace in Honolulu

## ■ Music Weekend, August 18 & 19

Music fills the Garden with traditional and contemporary performances—'ukulele, slack key guitar, hula, and more, including:

- **Dance Aloha** performs hula throughout the day, while artisan demonstrations take place in the Leon Levy Visitor Center
- A Special Evening Performance at the Saturday, August 18 Aloha Night with Willie K, Led Kaʻapana, Kamakakēhau Fernandez, and Kapono Naʻiliʻili Special ticket required for Aloha Nights
- A Sunday Afternoon All-Star Jam Session from 1–3 p.m. on the Conservatory Lawn with Willie K, Led Ka'apana, Kamakakēhau Fernandez, Kapono Na'ili'ili, and others

## ■ Closing Weekend, October 27 & 28

We'll bring back highlights of all of the special programming for one last chance for visitors to experience the exhibition.

#### **Aloha Nights**

Saturdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, July 7 & 21, August 4, 18, & 25, September 1, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Visitors to *Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i* will enjoy an after-hours viewing of the exhibition in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory and the Art Gallery. During these festive summer evenings, celebrate the cultural artistry of the Hawaiian Islands with an after-hours viewing of *Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawai'i* as the centerpiece. Join us on the Conservatory Lawn for interactive hula lessons that blend storytelling with rhythm and motion. Enjoy lei-making demonstrations and a rotating lineup of live music. Take in illuminated installations by Hawaiian-Chinese sculptor Mark Chai and unwind with an array of refreshments for purchase—from poke bowls to our signature cocktail, Passiflora Punch.

For full schedule of performers, visit <a href="nybg.org">nybg.org</a>.

Special ticket required

Member Adults \$28/Non-Member Adults \$38

Member Children (2-12) \$13/Non-Member Children (2-12) \$18

Georgia O'Keeffe: A Creative Life
An Evening with Roxana Robinson and Linda M. Grasso
Wednesday, June 13; 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Ross Hall

Two O'Keeffe experts, Roxana Robinson (*Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life*) and Linda M. Grasso (*Equal under the Sky: Georgia O'Keeffe and Twentieth-Century Feminism*), discuss O'Keeffe's coming of age in modernist America and her identity as an independent artist and trailblazing feminist.

Members \$25/Non-Members \$29

# **Interactive Mobile Guide**

A visually stunning Interactive Mobile Guide, which can be accessed via mobile device at <a href="mailto:nybg.org/mobile">nybg.org/mobile</a>, will complement the exhibition by transporting users to both the current Hawaiian landscape and back in time to the Hawaiii that O'Keeffe visited in 1939. The experience unfolds through multiple 360-degree videos of the plants and locations O'Keeffe observed and depicted in her work paired with personal accounts found in O'Keeffe's handwritten letters that she sent to her husband, famed photographer Alfred Stieglitz, while on her journey. Advanced location-aware technology will help users engage with content automatically and to navigate the Botanical Garden grounds. Vintage photo frames and filters allow participants to create their own digital souvenirs and share on social media. Through the guide, users may enter the official exhibition sweepstakes for a chance to win one of three trips to Hawaii and visit the islands that inspired the artist. Round-trip airfare is provided by Hawaiian Airlines and rooms are courtesy of Hyatt Resorts in Hawaii.

## Hawai'i-Inspired Food

Hawai'i-inspired food will be available for purchase in the Hudson Garden Grill and at STARR Events' new Poke Truck, which will feature four different types of poke (including a Veggie Bowl), the trendy dish of marinated raw fish served over rice with Asian seasonings.

Visit the Garden's Web site, <u>nybg.org</u>, for more information and to purchase tickets.

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