

Tahiti Heiva in Japan 2023 Event Report

Tahiti Heiva in Japan, Japan's first full-fledged Tahitian event, began in 2005. After a long four years, this year we were finally able to invite judges and musicians to Japan and safely hold Heiva i Tokyo. The audience grew wild taking in first-hand the dynamic competition accompanied by the powerful drum performances!

We look back at the year 2023, beginning with the Tokyo and Osaka Competitions, and including our workshops and the release of an album of original drum beat.



HEIVA I TOKYO

Event Outline

Date/Time 10/21/2023 (Sat)
10:30 doors opened, 11:00 performances began,
19:45 performances ended

Venue Tachikawa Stage Garden

Entrance Fee Reserved seating ¥8,800 (¥9,600 at the door)

Events 'Ori Tahiti Japan Championship
Solo Competition
Group Competition
Group Exhibition
Garden Stage Mini Exhibition

Number of Spectators 1,500

Sponsored by  Air Tahiti Nui (airtahiti.com)
 Tahiti Tourisme (tahiti-tourisme.com)
Mitsui Foods, Corp. (mitsuifoods.co.jp)
and three others

Under the Auspices of  Hula & Tahiti (hula-tahiti.com)

Judges



Manouche Lehartel



Makau Foster



Karl Brilliant

Number of Participants 400

'Ori Tahiti Japan Championship: 70
 Solo Competition: 210 (Finalists)
 Group Competition: 2 group
 Group Exhibition: 1 group
 Garden Stage Mini Exhibition: 7 group



Highlights

1. A competition on the grandest scale in the world judged by a panel of discerning experts.

This Tahitian dance competition boasts the largest number of solo participants in the world. This year, because performances were limited to one day, the preliminary competition was held beforehand. The final round was live at the venue on the day of the competition, and the judging was carried out by a panel of judges invited from Tahiti. They decided on each competitor's ranking only after careful consideration. The solo competition winners in each category received a trophy and certificate as well as a supplementary prize such as black pearl jewelry or a shell medal. Second- and third-place winners received a certificate and a supplementary prize. The grand prize winner was awarded with round trip tickets to Tahiti.



2. A beautiful and heated competition amongst select dancers, 'Ori Tahiti Japan Championship.



'Ori Tahiti Japan Championship is the most illustrious solo competition held in Japan. It is organized by Tahiti Heiva in Japan. Participation is limited to soloists who won first- to third-place in the past three years at Tahiti Heiva in Japan competitions. This year, from approximately 110 who were eligible, 70 competed. They vied in mehura and otea performances, and this year's champion was Nagisa Takizawa! As the grand prize winner, Nagisa was presented with round trip tickets to Tahiti.



3. 300-inch monitor for ease of viewing.

With a 300-inch monitor placed before the stage, the dancers' expressions and movements were clearly seen from each and every seat in the audience.



4. Garden Stage Mini Exhibition and Craft Workshop

This year we added an outdoor stage and put on a Garden Stage Mini Exhibition! We were blessed with good weather that day, and thanks to the performances of the many groups, there was much excitement. Under the tent adjacent to the outdoor stage, there was a stencil craft workshop where everyone from children to adults enjoyed themselves creating their very own works of art.




5. Shopping.

While the main feature of this event no doubt is the dancing, that was not the only thing to be excited about! People also enjoyed shopping at the booths offering items all the way from Tahiti as well as from right here in Japan.



HEIVA I WEST

Event Outline

Date/Time	4/22/2023 (Sat) 10:15 doors opened 10:30 performances began 18:30 performances ended
Venue	Namikiri Hall
Entrance Fee	Reserved seats ¥7,700 (¥8,500 at the door)
Events	Solo Competition Group Competition
Number of Spectators	500
Under the Auspices of	 Hula & Tahiti Hula & Tahiti (hula-tahiti.com)
Judges (online from Tahiti)	Manouche Lehartel Taiana Mahinui
Number of Participants	200 <div> <div>Solo Competition: 153</div> <div>Group Competition: 4 groups</div> </div>



HEIVA SAKURA

Event Outline

Date/Time	2/19/2023 (Sun) 14:30 doors opened 15:00 performances began 18:40 performances ended
Venue	Sakura Hall, Shibuya Cultural Center Owada
Entrance Fee	Reserved seats ¥4,400 (¥4,900 at the door)
Events	Solo Competition Group Competition
Number of Spectators	400
Under the Auspices of	 Hula & Tahiti Hula & Tahiti (hula-tahiti.com)
Judges (online from Tahiti)	Manouche Lehartel Tahia Cambet
Number of Participants	80 <div> <div>Solo Competition: 71</div> <div>Group Competition: 1 group</div> </div>



Workshops

We invited artists from Tahiti to come to Japan and put on dance workshops.

From 2012 to 2019:

Moeata, Taiana, Teruria, Hinavai,
Makau, Tahia, Tuarii, Tommy

2023:

Tahia Cambet
Taiana Mahinui
Lesly Poerava Kia



Tahia Cambet



Taiana Mahinui



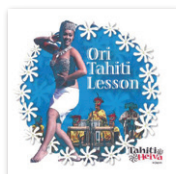
Lesly Poerava Kia

Production of Original CDs

Continuing our efforts to introduce the people of Japan to Tahitian music, we are assisting in the production of CDs of original instrumental music, as well as CDs of vocal music by various artists.

Ori Tahiti Lesson

A collection of short selections of drumming for Tahitian dance practice



Ori Tahiti Lesson



Ori Tahiti Lesson 02



Ori Tahiti Lesson 03



Ori Tahiti Lesson 04



Ori Tahiti Lesson 05



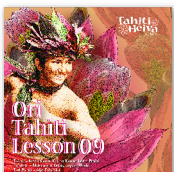
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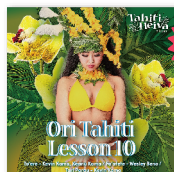
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Ori Tahiti Lesson 09



Ori Tahiti Lesson 10

NEW
Ori Tahiti Lesson CDs
are now up to
number ten!

Artist Series

Albums of live performances in Japan by Tahitian artists and CDs made in cooperation with Tahitian artists.



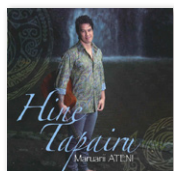
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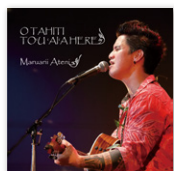
TEREHE (Sabrina)



To'u Fenua (Sabrina)



Hine Tapairu
(Maruarii ATENI)



O TAHITI TO 'U 'AI 'A HERE
(Maruarii ATENI)

Tahitian Drum Lesson Series

Instructive CDs for Tahitian drum practice (recordings done locally by artists invited from Tahiti).



Tahitian Drum Lesson vol. 1



Tahitian Drum Lesson vol. 2

TAHITI HEIVA V.A.

A compilation album of traditional Tahitian music.



Tahiti Heiva in Japan Series

Original albums of recordings done by artists invited over from Tahiti.



Tahiti Heiva in Japan vol. 1



FARA E
(Tahiti Heiva in Japan vol. 2)



TE REO
(Tahiti Heiva in Japan vol. 3)

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