

# Tau

## DANCE THEATER



**July 1, 2021**

Welina Mai Kākou!

I hope everyone remains in good health, as the community starts to open back up, and begin to enjoy the Summer Season.

On behalf of Tau Dance Theater, Mahalo nui loa to our esteemed panel of judges that have dedicated their time to make it possible for us to reward artists for their creativity. With their original works of art through song, dance, sculpture, photography and many forms of art.

### Judges Panel:

#### **Yue-Sai Khan**

*Television Host & Producer, Entrepreneur, Fashion Icon, Author & Humanitarian*

#### **Gary Keener**

*VP of Swiss Re Corporate Solutions & Kamehameha Schools' Alum*

#### **Aimee Kimura-Koch**

*Co-founder of the Arts Education for Children Group, Tau Dance Theater Board Member, art contest executive sponsor*

#### **Craig Ibara**

*General Manager of Purchasing & Planning Division, JTB Hawaii Travel, LLC*

#### **Pōmaika'i Keawe Lyman**

*Performing artist, Event producer, former Mrs. Hawaii International and granddaughter of legendary Auntie Genoa Keawe*

### ***Ho'omaika'i!***

We are proud to announce the Winners of the Tau Dance Theater Art Contest, that was held through April 30th, 2021.

Lauren Nakashima, **People's Choice Award Recipient**  
(selected by the general public)

The following winners were selected by our esteemed judges panel:

**Youth Artists (under 12 years old)**

**1st Place:** Carter Allan Caycayon

2nd Place: Kamaluhiaokahaloa Zablan

Teen Artists (12-17 years old)

1st Place: Ava Lee

2nd Place: Eva Teraoka

Adult Artists (18 years & older)

1st Place: Taliilani Letuli-Goeas

2nd Place: Jessica Orfe

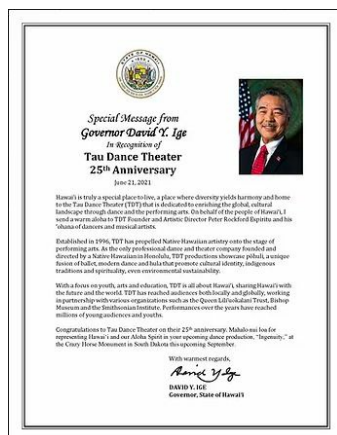
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### Past Event

Tau Dance Theater is constantly in the community and committed to support other organizations. This past May 22nd Kenny Endo & Taiko Center of the Pacific held a virtual concert which TDT made a guest appearance in. It was such a privilege to be the only Contemporary Hawaiian performers in this prestige event.

The show was composed after the tragic September 11th events. It was dedicated to the victims who were subjected to hate crimes due to the color of their skin and diverse backgrounds. A portion of the proceeds were donated towards fighting against racism.



### Awards and Recognition

In celebration of Tau Dance Theater's 25th Anniversary, a Special Message from Hawaii's Governor David Y. Ige.

Proclamation by Mayor Rick Blangiardi

Silver Anniversary to TDT by 1st District of Hawaii's U.S. Congressman, Ed Case

Messages from U.S. Senator, Mazie K Hirono and Senator, Brian Schatz

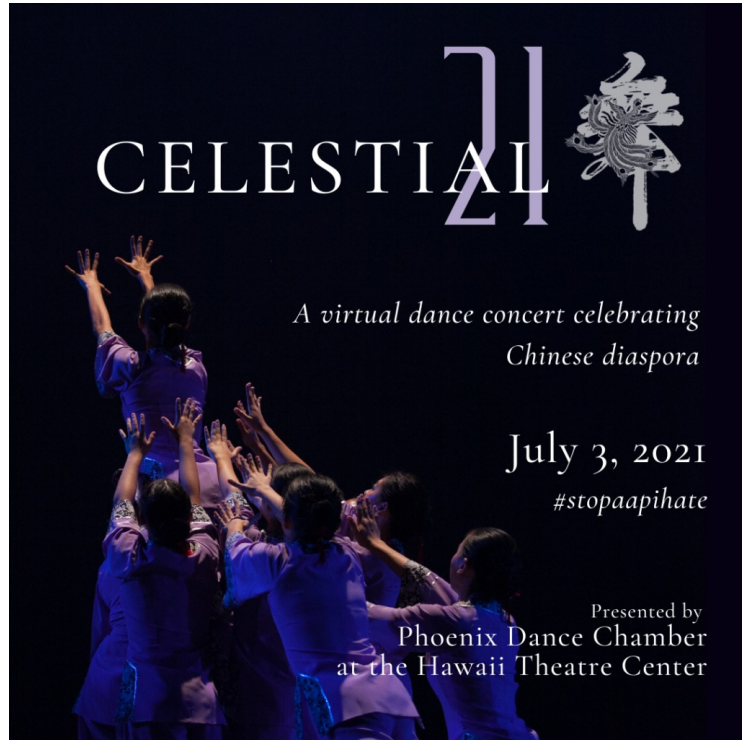


## Upcoming Events

### Honolulu, Hawai'i

On July 3rd, 2021, in celebration of Chinese identity, Phoenix Dance Chamber, along with guest performances from Tau Dance Theater, SheenRu Yong, Dancers Unlimited, and Saam Fu Chinese Cultural Arts. They come together to stand in solidarity with those who have suffered or continue to live in fear of being targeted due to their heritage or skin color.

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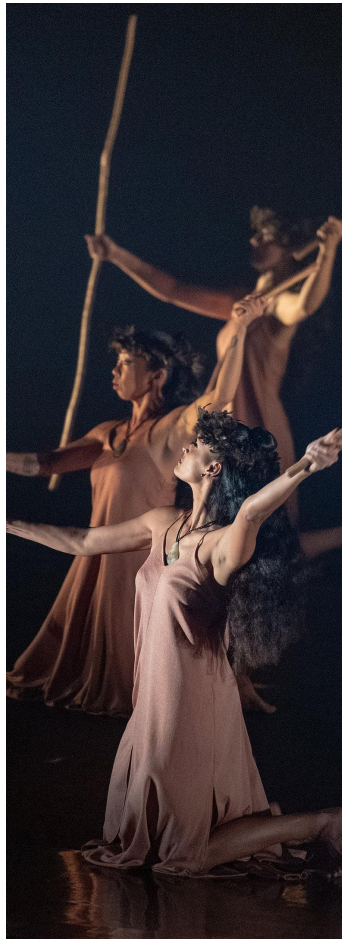
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### **Crazy Horse, South Dakota**

Tau Dance Theater had the privilege of showcasing excerpts from our **INDIGENUITY** performance at the **APAPI NYC** the largest presenters conference in the world. Talent Agent, Andre Bouchard, CEO of Indigenous Productions Presents has added Tau Dance Theater to their talent roster. We were immediately selected to participate in a prestigious BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) cohort. As a direct result, Tau Dance Theater is now booked to tour to South Dakota and perform at the Crazy Horse Memorial on Labor Day Weekend in September 2021!



**DANCE THEATER**  
*Transforming Dance for Tomorrow*



For ***Tau Dance Theater***, like many nonprofit arts organizations across the country, our class tuition and ticket sales for productions alone do not cover the cost of maintaining our focus on Native Hawaiian, multicultural, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) & AAPI (Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders) themed work that we offer in our performances, training and outreach. We rely on community support and individual gifts like yours to make up the difference to bring the exciting world of dance to thousands of people each year globally.

Help us teach, produce, promote and present dance in Hawaii by making a 100% tax-deductible gift by clicking the button below.

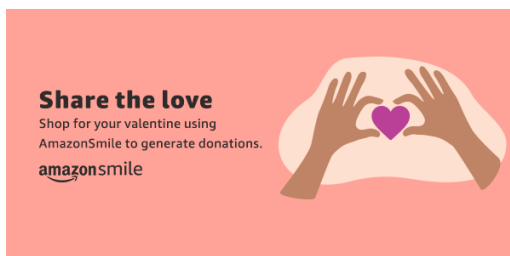
MAHALO nui loa!



Peter Rockford Espiritu  
Executive & Artistic Director

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**The TAU DANCE THEATER Poll Results Are In: Mahalo for your feedback!**



### ***Share the Love***

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