



On behalf of Mata'irea Polynesian Culture Preservation© (MPCP), we would like to express our gratitude for your ongoing support of the Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori©. We are thrilled to invite you to join us for the 5th annual Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori© Festival. We aim to provide an exciting experience for all participants while forging strong partnerships with the Polynesian people and raising awareness of the culture within our community.

**Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori© will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024!**Our

phenomenal Masters of Ceremonies: *Mr. Bigg John Gravieres* and *Mr. Roy Lamela*

**Dates to remember:** Early Registration deadline: August 19, 2024  
Late registration: October 04, 2024

*There will be no day-of registration*

**\*\*DEADLINE DATES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED\*\***

**New award:**

***Diva Division Overall Award*** This category will consist of Vahine and Tane dancers ages 50+. The top-scoring dancer will receive a trophy and a cash prize.

#### **TE FA'A NO TE 'ORI 2024 AWARDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, place prizes will be awarded to ages 5 – 50+
- Jr. Overall Tamāroa and Tamahine certificate & cash prize will be awarded to ages 5-17 years **Advanced Division Only.**
- An Overall Tane and Vahine certificate and cash prize will be awarded to the ages 18 and up division.

**MASTER CLASS AWARDS:** The top-scoring dancer will receive a round-trip ticket to Tahiti, to compete in the Ori Tahiti Nui world championship. The ticket is courtesy of The 'Ori Tahiti Nui International Competition, Air Tahiti Nui Airlines. **(PLEASE NOTE: Air Tahiti Nui airport taxes are to be paid for by winners)**

# Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori©



## Solo Dance Competition

**DATE:** Saturday, October 19, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Weston Ranch High School | 4606 McCuen Avenue, Stockton CA 95206

Beginner and Advanced Divisions (Prelims)

- Ages 5 to 17 yrs.

One Division (Prelims)

- 18 – 50+ yrs.

No prelims in the Master Class. A themed solo is required.

- Master Class 18 – 35 yrs.

### **Age categories:**

#### **Junior Division**

Tamahine/Tamaroa/Taure'are'a

5-9

10-13

14-17

#### **Senior Division**

Vahine/Tane

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-49

#### **Diva Division**

Vahine/Tane

50+

#### **Master Class (One division)**

Vahine/Tane

*Dancers who have won overall or taken 1<sup>st</sup> place in an advanced division. Must be 18-35 yrs. old.*

*Soloists must participate within their division and age category.*

#### **Solo Registration Fees - US Dollars:**

Ages 5 – 17 yrs. Beginner/Advanced divisions

Early registration \$50 ..... Late registration: \$ 60

Ages 18- 50+yrs. (one division) Early registration \$ 60..... Late registration \$70

Master Class 18-35 yrs.....Early registration \$ 60 ..... Late registration: \$70

**All Soloist registration will be done ONLINE**  
**Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE**

## SOLO COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

### DANCER CRITERIA

#### BEGINNER SKILL LEVEL

- Dancer must **NOT** have made finals or placed in ANY Tahitian Dance Competition
- Dancers **MUST** have their Pupu Ori (Group Director) email the beginner dancer confirmation form stating they have never placed or made finals in any Tahitian Dance Competition. If the participant is an independent dancer ages 5-17, they can have a parent sign to verify that they have never made finals or placed in any Tahitian Dance Competition. Beginner dancer applications without receipt of director verification **WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

#### ADVANCED SKILL LEVEL

- Dancers who do not meet the above criteria will be considered experienced and **MUST** compete in the advanced category of their age division. Ages 5-17yr divisions.

#### MASTER CLASS

- Dancers must have placed overall, or 1<sup>st</sup> place in the advanced division to enter.  
You will be required to have a themed solo in this category.

#### AWARDS

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. place awards will be presented for each category in the Beginner and Advanced divisions. We will also award (6) Overall Winners. Junior overall Tamahine, Tamāroa, Taure'are'a division for ages 5 to 17, Senior overall Tane and Vahine for ages 18 to 49, and Tane and Vahine 50+. These overall dancers will be chosen from 1st place winners in the ***Advanced Division only***. There will be no overall winner in the beginner divisions.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

**TECHNICAL AREAS:** Variety and difficulty of dance steps, confidence, endurance, and knowledge of traditional steps and Fa'arapu or Pa'ote. Minimum of 5 traditional steps.

**ARTISTIC AREAS:** Costume, gestures, grace and elegance, creativity, facial and body expressions, ease and comfort with the dance, and how your movements flow with the (Pehe) drumbeats.

#### **MASTER CLASS DIVISION JUDGING CRITERIA: *Themed solo required.***

**TECHNICAL AREAS:** You will be judged on the variety and difficulty of dance steps, confidence, endurance, and knowledge of traditional steps.

**ARTISTIC AREAS:** Costumes, gestures, grace and elegance, creativity, facial and body expressions, ease and comfort with the dance, and how your movements flow with the drumbeats. Judges will also look at how cohesive your costume and routine are with your selected theme.

### PEHE (DRUM BEATS)

Our house drummers will provide drum beats for prelims, finals, and Master Class divisions

Beginner: 1:30 min

Advanced 1:30 min

Master Class: 1:50 min

## Costumes

### TAMAHINE/TAURE'ARE'A/VAHINE

- Print or solid pareo in traditional tapa, cotton, 50/50 blend, or rayon. **NO** silk, satin, knits, or synthetics are allowed
- Pareo may **NOT** be **MORE THAN (2 INCHES) ABOVE THE KNEE TOP, OR BELOW THE BOTTOM OF THE KNEE, *this will be strictly enforced.*** No rolled or fringe pareo. Tie pareo to the right or left side, **NO** slit on the opposite side will be allowed. Pareo length will be measured before dancers go on stage. Excessively short pareo or showing of underwear will receive a penalty point deduction of ten (10) points and will be subject to disqualification.
- Hei Upo'o (Head Hei) must be worn and can be no higher than 12 inches. Head adornments are encouraged to be made of fresh flowers, leaves, shells, feathers, and other naturally existing materials. **SILK, PLASTIC, OR FOAM FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE ARE PROHIBITED. NO HOT GLUE. Soloist will receive a penalty point deduction of ten (10) points.**
- Neck and Chest pieces are allowed and cannot extend past the shoulders.
- No rolled or fringe pareo
- Use of handheld props or implements whether attached to the costume or not, is prohibited, and the soloist will receive a penalty point deduction of ten (10) points.

### TAMAROA/TAURE'ARE'A/TANE

- Print or solid tihere or malo in traditional tapa, cotton 50/50 blend. **NO** silk, satin, knits, or synthetics are allowed
- Use of handheld props or implements or hip bands whether attached to the costume or not, is prohibited, and the soloist will receive a penalty deduction of ten (10) points.
- Hei Upo'o (Head Hei) must be worn and can be no higher than 12 inches. Head adornments are encouraged to be made of fresh flowers, leaves, shells, feathers, and other naturally existing materials. **SILK, PLASTIC, OR FOAM FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE ARE PROHIBITED. NO HOT GLUE. Soloist will receive a penalty point deduction of ten (10) points.**
- Chest and neck pieces are allowed, and cannot extend past the shoulders
- Knee adornments are allowed, but must only be 6 inches long (no exceptions)
- Wrist and ankle garland are optional.

### SOLO APPLICATION: ONLINE REGISTRATION **ONLY**

- To register please go to: [WWW.MATAIREA.ORG](http://WWW.MATAIREA.ORG)

A scanned copy of a signed Hold Harmless Agreement and a scanned copy of a signed Director Verification Form (for those entering a beginner category) must be attached to the online application for the application to be valid. So, before you begin the application process, print out those 2 documents first, complete them, and get them signed, then either scan the document (or take a picture with your phone), and then attach those scanned documents to your online application.

- For questions and additional information, please email us at yo@matairea.org

**Application Deadline Date: October 4, 2024**

You will receive a verification email that your application has been received and processed

**(DEADLINE DATES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED)**

Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori©  
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

(Must have Solo Application & Beginner Soloist Director Verification Form attached to be valid)

Each participant/vendor/organization shall hold harmless and indemnify Mata'irea Polynesian Culture Preservation (MPCP) MPCP organizing committee, its board, officers, volunteers, Videographer, Photographers, production teams, from all liability, claim, or demand which liability, claim or demand may be made for any reason.

Any injury to persons or property sustained by any person attending an event, firm, or corporation caused by any act, negligence, default, or omission of the participating organization or any person, firm, or corporation directly or indirectly engaged by it upon or in connection with the event, whether the injury while filming videos to be submitted.

The furnishing or use of any copyrighted or non-copyrighted composition, secret process, Patented, or non-patented invention, article, or appliance during the event.

The participating organizations at their own cost, expense, and risk shall defend all legal proceedings that may be brought against the committee, its board, officers, and volunteers on any such liability, claim or demand and satisfy any of them whether or not the liability, claim or demand was actually or allegedly caused wholly or in part through the negligence or other implying conduct of any of them.

The participating organizations or individual participants agree to allow Mata'irea Polynesian Culture Preservation© and the Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori©© to use their image(s) or likeness for advertising purposes and allow Mata'irea Polynesian Culture Preservation (MPCP) videotape and photograph of their performance for the Te Fa'a No Te 'Ori© 2024 competition, or for their archives, and use on the Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori© website and all other related media. By registering for this event and signing this hold harmless agreement for this Livestream event, to be shown on Te Fa'a No Te 'Ori's© social media and website, you agree with all policies stated in this hold harmless agreement and are held accountable to abide by all rules set forth within the completion rules and competition.

Soloist Name

Pupu Ori Name

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Ra'a tira of Pupu 'Ori

Ra'atira Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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Soloist Signature (if under 18 parent signature required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Participants Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

# Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori

(The Valley of Dance)



## DIRECTOR VERIFICATION FORM

### SOLOIST AGES 5 – 17 BEGINNER

SOLOIST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PUPU 'ORI (GROUP) \_\_\_\_\_

DANCE HISTORY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above-named dancer has never advanced to the finals round or placed in any "Ori Tahiti dance competitions and should be placed in the "BEGINNER DIVISION".

Pupu Ori (Group name) \_\_\_\_\_

Group Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Director's Email; \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP LEADER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

