



We express our gratitude for your ongoing support on behalf of Mata'irea Polynesian Culture Preservation© (MPCP). We are thrilled to invite you to join us for the 8th annual Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori© International Dance Festival. We aim to provide an exciting experience for all participants while fostering strong partnerships within the Polynesian community and raising cultural awareness within our communities.

**Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori© will be held on October 17, 18, 19, 2025!**

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

**Dates to remember:**

**Early Bird Registration Deadline: July 30, 2025**

**Late Registration Deadline: October 10, 2025**

***THERE WILL BE NO DAY OF REGISTRATION***

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

**Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori 2025 Awards**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded across all age groups from 5 to 50+.
- Jr. Overall Tamāroa and Tamahine certificates & cash prizes will be awarded to ages 5-17 years in the Advanced Division Only.
- Overall Tane and Vahine certificates and cash prizes will be awarded in the ages 18 and up division.
- Masterclass 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded.

***Soloist entry tickets for Saturday and Sunday are included in your solo entry fee.***

# Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori©

(The Valley of Dance)



## Solo Dance Competition Rules and Regulations

### **Solo Age Divisions and Categories:**

1- 4 Exhibition

#### **Junior Division**

5-9 Beginner/Intermediate & Advanced

10-13 Beginner/Intermediate & Advanced

14-17 Beginner/Intermediate & Advanced

#### **Senior Division**

18-25 One Category

26-34 One Category

35-49 One Category

#### **Diva Division**

50+ One Category

*Soloists must participate within their division and age category. (This will be strictly enforced and verified)*

### **Master Class (One Category)**

Vahine and Tane dancers who have placed overall, or 1st place in an advanced category, within the past two years in any Tahitian dance competition. They must be between 18 and 35 years old.

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

- Ages 1 – 4 years Exhibition
  - Free
- Ages 5 – 17 years (Beginner/Advanced divisions):
  - Early registration: \$60
  - Late registration: \$70
- Ages 18 and above (ONE DIVISION):
  - Early registration: \$70
  - Late registration: \$80
- Master Class:
  - Early registration: \$100
  - Late registration: \$150

**Registration fees are Non-Refundable, Non-Transferable, and Non-changeable, & cannot be forwarded.**

## **Dancer Criteria:**

### **BEGINNER SKILL LEVEL**

- Dancers must NOT have advanced to the finals round or placed in ANY Tahitian Dance Competition.
- Beginner dancers aged 5-17 who are independent dancers can have a parent sign to confirm they have never advanced to the finals round or placed in any Tahitian Dance Competition.
- For dancers under the direction of a Pupu Ori (Group Director), the director must sign and email the beginner dancer confirmation form verifying that the dancer has never advanced to the final round or placed in any Tahitian Dance Competition.
- Applications from beginner dancers without director verification will not be processed.

### **ADVANCE 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 5-17 years).

### **MASTER CLASS**

- Dancers must have placed overall or achieved 1st place to enter this division. A theme is required for this category. Pehe (Drumbeats), will be provided by our house drummers.

### **AWARDS**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented for each category in both the Beginner and Advanced divisions. Additionally, we will award four Overall Winners: Junior Overall Tamahine, Tamāroa, Taure'are'a division for ages 5 to 17, and Senior Overall Tane and Vahine for ages 18 to 50+. These overall dancers will be chosen from the 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, including Fa'arapu or Pa'ote. A minimum of five traditional steps is required.

**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).

### **Judging Criteria (Master Class Division): *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:** You will be judged on 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 evaluate how cohesive your costume and routine are with your selected theme.

## **Pehe - Drumbeats**

Drumbeats for prelims, finals, and Master Class divisions will be provided by our house drummers.

**Beginner:** 1:30 min

**Advanced:** 1:30 min

**Master Class:** 2:00 min

## Costumes

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

- Vahine must wear a **plain or Polynesian print** rayon or cotton pareo tied to the side of the hip.
- Pareo must be tied 1-2 inches above the knee. *Ten (10) points will be deducted if the pareo is more than 3 inches from the top of the knee. This will be strictly enforced, and pareo length will be measured before dancers go on stage.*
- No rolling of the pareo is allowed.
- The pareo must be tied to the right or left side with no slit on the opposite side.
- Only fresh or natural adornments are allowed. **No silk, synthetic, or plastic floral materials are permitted.**
- Neck/Chest pieces are allowed but cannot extend past the shoulders.
- No hip adornments or hand-held items are allowed.
- A Hei Upo'o (Head Hei) must be worn and cannot be higher than 12 inches. *(measured from the ear up)*

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

- Tane must wear a **plain or Polynesian print**, tihere, or maro style pareo. *Ten (10) points will be deducted if the pareo comes apart.*
- Only fresh, dry, or natural floral/plant materials are allowed. **No silk or plastic floral materials are permitted.**
- Neck/Chest pieces are allowed but cannot extend past the shoulders.
- Leg adornments are allowed but must only be 6 inches long (no exceptions).
- Arm adornments are allowed.
- No hips, waist adornments, or hand-held items are allowed.
- A Hei Upo'o (Head Hei) must be worn. must be worn and cannot be higher than 12 inches. *(measured from the ear up)*

### **Solo Application: ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY**

To complete your online application, you **must** attach the following scanned documents:

1. A signed Hold Harmless Agreement.
2. A signed Director Verification Form (required for those entering a beginner category).

#### *Steps to Follow:*

1. Print out the Hold Harmless Agreement and Director Verification Form.
2. Complete and sign both documents.
3. Scan the signed documents or take clear photos of them with your phone.
4. Attach the scanned copies to your online application.

Your application will only be valid if these scanned documents are attached. To register, please go to: [WWW.MATAIREA.ORG](http://WWW.MATAIREA.ORG).

For questions and additional information, please email us at [yo@matairea.org](mailto:yo@matairea.org).

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You will receive a verification email that your application has been received and processed  
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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), the MPCP organizing committee, its board, officers, University Plaza waterfront hotel, Adventist Health Arena, volunteers, videographers, photographers, production teams, Security Staff, YouTube, from all liability, claims, or demands that may arise for any reason.

This includes 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 in connection with the event or any injuries that occur.

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

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, facility site 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 conduct of any of them.

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. They also agree to allow MPCP to videotape and photograph their performance for the Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori© 2025 competition, or archives, and use on the Te Fa'a Nō Te 'Ori© website, YouTube, and all other related media.

By registering for this event and signing this hold harmless agreement for this event, to be shown on Te Fa'a Nō 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 competition rules and regulations.

Soloist Name

Pupu Ori Name

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Name/Ra'a tira of Pupu 'Ori

Ra'atira Email Address

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Soloist Signature (if under 18 parent signature required)

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Date

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

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## DIRECTOR VERIFICATION FORM

### SOLOIST AGES 5 – 17 BEGINNERS

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

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

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

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

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I verify that the above-named dancer has ***never*** advanced to the finals round or placed in any Ori Tahiti dance competition (solo or group division) and has never received payment to dance for a Polynesian show or event. Therefore, they should be placed in the Beginner Division.

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

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

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

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

