



Vizzun Entertainment is preparing to host our 3rd annual Hupa Tahiti Solo Tahitian Competition. We would like to extend an invitation to solo dancers of all levels to participate. Our 2nd annual Hupa Tahiti 2014 turned out to be a tremendous success thanks to all of the participating groups and competitors. We are confident that all of the returning and new contestants will make the 3rd annual competition an even better and bigger success. Hupa Tahiti will once again be held at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino (Convention Parking Lot) on October 3rd & the Overall Finals will be held on Sunday, October 4th. Hupa Tahiti coincides with our 10th annual Pure Aloha Fall Festival, which includes food & retail vendors, live Polynesian entertainment, evening concerts and a large carnival for the whole family to enjoy. So come out and compete or just support and enjoy all of the talents, tradition and culture of Hupa Tahiti and the Pure Aloha Festival has to offer.

We are proud to announce this year's 3rd annual Hupa Tahiti panel of judges.

Alex M. Tekurio was born and raised in Papeete, Tahiti. He was raised by grandparents; Tuamata and Vahinerii Mapuhi, who taught him the importance of church, family and culture. At the age of 14 his grandparents were assigned to coordinate the Tahitian village at the Polynesian cultural center (P.C.C) in Hawaii. While living in Tahiti; in his early years, he was constantly around masters who taught their unique skills of drumming, singing and entertaining. But it was his family's move to Hawaii that helped cultivate and develop his love for Tahiti. As a youth he would watch his grandparents teach and it was their love for the culture and example that would put Alex on the path of becoming a master himself. His experiences in Hawaii provided him with the opportunity to teach; just as his grandparents did, around the world and share the Tahitian culture with others.



In 1969; at the age of 19, he organized his first group to perform throughout the United States, Asia and Europe. Through his group he met his wife Tanya and in 1989 Alex and Tanya organized Hitia O Te Ra Polynesian dance Troupe. Hitia O Te Ra has won numerous awards and many accomplishments.

Alex Tekurio now lives in Southern California with his wife Tanya. He has 5 children and 9 grandchildren. He is grateful for the example and love his grandparents were to him and he plans on continuing their legacy by sharing it with his grandchildren.



Riki Manuia Liufau is the senior dance director of the group Nonosina, celebrating their 50th year of teaching, performing and competing in Polynesian dancing. Family legacy of Polynesian entertainment started with her grandparents, then her mother Nonosina, handed down to herself, then her son Mevina who runs Nonosina Japan, and also to Jon and Tiani Mariteragi who head Nonosina HAWAII and now the newest head director of Nonosina today is her daughter Tiana Nonosina Liufau. For the past 40 years, Nonosina has won numerous overall group and overall soloist awards in Ori Tahiti. Always paying honor and respect to the homeland of Tahiti where we go back to learn and perform. Best of luck to all the solo competitors, and may the MANA of good sportsmanship be shared.

Lucie Fonoimoana was born and raised in Tahiti and has been actively involved in the Tahitian community and promoting the culture of Tahiti. She started her dancing career at the Prestigious Polynesian Cultural Center in Laie and has traveled throughout the world promoting the Polynesian culture. Today she continues to involve herself in the Tahitian culture by teaching, dancing and judging a various dance competition throughout mainland and Asia.

