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“A DAY OF HAWAII SMILES” BRINGS MUSIC, CUISINE, AND FUN FROM THE ISLANDS TO THE GROVE

WHAT: The people of Hawai'i are bringing the Aloha Spirit to Los Angeles with two fun-filled Saturdays themed “A Day of Hawai'i Smiles” at The Grove. The free activities feature hula lessons and entertainment by the Polynesian Cultural Center, picture taking at the Big Wave photo station, arts and crafts, island cuisine, and a marketplace highlighting Hawai'i-made products. Travel specialists from Pleasant Holidays will be available to answer questions for those planning a vacation to the Hawaiian Islands and provide a chance to win a vacation for four to the Aloha State.

Families are welcome to stay each evening for the reveal of a new nightly Hawai'i-themed fountain show as well as a special screening of *South Pacific*, the legendary movie celebrating its 50th anniversary, and *Lilo and Stitch* in the park.

WHEN: **Saturday, September 12 and 19, 2009**

All Day (11:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

Big Wave photo station

Hawai'i cuisine tastings

Marketplace with unique gifts from the Islands

Hawaiian cultural activities

12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hawaiian music and hula lessons by the Polynesian Cultural Center

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hawai‘i Regional Cuisine cooking demonstrations
(sponsored by Whole Foods Market and Sur La Table)

5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Movie in the Park

- ◆ South Pacific (Sept. 12)
- ◆ Lilo and Stitch (Sept. 19)

8:00 p.m. – midnight

Enjoy nightly Hawai‘i-themed fountain shows every half hour

WHERE: **The Grove**
189 The Grove Drive, Los Angeles

WHO: The Hawai‘i Visitors and Convention Bureau (the state’s tourism marketing agency for North America), its Island Chapters, and various travel partners are teaming up to bring a slice of paradise to Los Angeles in an effort to share the island’s unique culture, music, dance, and traditions with local residents.

NOTE: On-site interviews with the entertainers and Hawai‘i tourism representatives will be available throughout the day.

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