

Tahiti Heiva in Japan 2019 Event Report




Tahiti Heiva in Japan, Japan's very first full-fledged Tahitian event, began in 2005. This year once more, this passion-filled competition was held in the three cities of Tokyo, Osaka, and Fukuoka.

The Tokyo event celebrated its 15th anniversary this year, and we selected as its theme, "Thank You For the 15 Years! Enjoy the Heiva!" We introduced new features, like a stage for repeat performances of the top entries, a dining area served by food trucks, as well as photo booths. We will look back on the year 2019, to the Heiva in each of the three cities, as well as the workshops that were held.



HEIVA I TOKYO

Event Outline

Date/Time	<p>9/7/2019 (Sat) 10:00 doors opened 10:30 performances began 20:30 performances ended</p> <p>9/8/2019 (Sun) 9:40 doors opened 10:00 performances began 19:30 performances ended (Due to the approaching typhoon, the closing time had to be adjusted)</p>
Venue	<p>Maihama Amphitheater 2-50 Maihama, Urayasu City, Chiba Pref. 279-8512</p>
Entrance Fee	<p>S seats ¥8,800 (¥9,300 at the door) S side seats ¥8,300 (¥8,800 at the door) A seats ¥7,800 (¥8,300 at the door) B seats ¥6,800 (¥7,300 at the door)</p>
Events	<p>'Ori Tahiti Japan Championship Solo Competition Group Competition Group Exhibition 15th Anniversary Ceremony Repeat Performance Stage for Group Competition Top Entries</p>
Number of Spectators	4,000
Sponsored by	<p> Air Tahiti Nui (airtahiti.com)  Tahiti Tourisme (tahiti-tourisme.com) Mitsui Foods, Corp. (mitsuifoods.co.jp) and ten others</p>
Under the Auspices of	<p> Hula & Tahiti (hula-tahiti.com)</p>
Judges	<p>Manouche Lehartel Makau Foster Marguerite Lai Olivier Lenoir Karl Brillant Tuarii Tracqui</p>
Number of Participants	<p>1,000</p> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 0 10px;"> <p>'Ori Tahiti Japan Championship: 104 Solo Competition: 411 Group Competition: 9 groups Group Exhibition: 1 group</p> </div>



Highlights

1. A competition of the grandest scale in the world judged by a discerning panel of experts.

This Tahitian dance competition boasts the largest number of solo participants in the world. This year the number of those who took part was the greatest in the history of the event, and over the two days, the hall was filled with excitement.

The judging was carried out by a panel of judges invited from Tahiti and each ranking was decided only after careful consideration. For the judging, by request of the judges, time for discussion was set aside in which they had heated debates.

The solo competition winners of each category received a trophy and certificate as well as a supplementary prize such as black pearl jewelry or a shell medal; second- and third-place winners were awarded a certificate and a supplementary prize. The grand prize winner received round-trip airfare to Tahiti.

The group competition winners received a trophy and certificate, and for the best performance, round-trip airfare to Tahiti was awarded.



2019 Judges



Manouche Lehartel



Makau Foster



Marguerite Lai



Olivier Lenoir



Karl Brillant



Tuarii Tracqui

2. The beautiful and heated competition by the select dancers, 'Ori Tahiti Dance Championship.



'Ori Tahiti Japan Championship is the most illustrious solo competition in Japan, limited to the soloists who were awarded from 1st to 3rd place in the past two years at the competition in the three cities put on by Tahiti Heiva in Japan.

In 2019 the fifth competition was held, and from amongst about 140 eligible participants, 104 competed.

They vied by performing mehura and otea, and this year's champion was Karen Homma.



3. Workshops, Mini Stage, and Photo Exhibition in the Lobby Was a Big Hit!

In the lobby were workshops on the use of ti leaves, a photo exhibition by Christian Durocher, and a mini stage. These were all crowd pleasers!



4. Shopping and Food Trucks.

The main feature of this event no doubt was the dancing, however, that was not the only thing to look forward to! There was also shopping at booths offering items from the homeland of Tahiti as well as from right here in Japan. Not only that, but the food trucks featuring all sorts of food and drink was well received.





5. SNS (Instagram and Facebook) Posts.

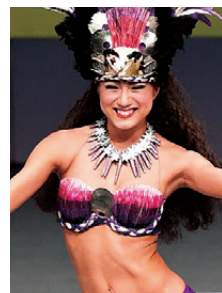
Along with our Facebook presence, this year in March, we initiated an Instagram account. Throughout the event, we posted the latest happenings from the stage and lobby, sharing with people from all over the world the nervousness, excitement, laughter and the buildup of emotion from the crowd that can only be experienced with a competition like this one.



HEIVA I OSAKA



Event Overview

Date/Time	4/27/2019 (Sat) 10:15 doors opened 10:30 performances began 19:20 performances ended
Venue	Namikiri Hall 1-1 Minatomidirimachi, Kishiwada City, Osaka Pref. 596-0014
Entrance Fee	Reserved seats ¥7,500 (¥8,000 at the door) Unreserved seats ¥5,500 (¥6,000 at the door)
Events	Solo Competition / Group Competition Group Exhibition
Number of Spectators	1,500
Sponsored by	 Air Tahiti Nui (airtahiti.com) Mitsui Foods, Corp. (mitsuifoods.co.jp) and seven others
Under the Auspices of	 Hula & Tahiti (hula-tahiti.com)
Judges	Manouche Lehartel / Karl Brillant / Tuarii Tracqui
Number of Participants	300 (Solo Competition: 259, Group Competition: 4 groups, Group Exhibition: 1 group)



HEIVA I FUKUOKA

Event Overview

Date/Time	6/22/2019 (Sat) 10:45 doors opened 11:00 performances began 18:45 performances ended
Venue	Momochi Palace 2-3-15 Momochi, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Pref. 814-0006
Entrance Fee	Reserved seats ¥7,500 (¥8,000 at the door) Unreserved seats ¥5,500 (¥6,000 at the door)
Events	Solo Competition / Group Competition Group Exhibition / Guest Performances
Number of Spectators	800
Sponsored by	 Air Tahiti Nui (airtahiti.com) Mitsui Foods, Corp. (mitsuifoods.co.jp) and three others
Under the Auspices of	 Hula & Tahiti (hula-tahiti.com)
Judges	Karl Brillant / Tuarii Tracqui / Tahia Cambet
Number of Participants	300 (Solo Competition: 215, Group Competition: 2 groups, Group Exhibition: 1 group)



Workshops

We partnered and held dance workshops with various Tahitian artists in Japan.

past events

Moeata 2012
 Tuarii, Taiana 2014
 Tuarii, Taiana 2015
 Teruria, Tuarii, Taiana 2016
 Teruria, Tommy, Hinavai, Tuarii 2017
 Tuarii, Hinavai, Tuarii 2018
 Tuarii, Tahia, Tuiana, Makau 2019



Live Performances by Tahitian Artists

We planned and held live tours with various Tahitian artists in Japan.

past events

September 2009 Tapuarii & Sabrina (in Shonan and Yokohama)
September 2010 Sabrina & Grace (in Tokyo and Osaka)
September 2011 Sabrina & Grace (in Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya)
July 2012 Sabrina (in Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya)
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July 2014 Sabrina (in Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya)
July 2015 Sabrina (in Tokyo and Nagoya)
July 2016 Maruarii (in Tokyo)
July 2017 Maruarii (in Tokyo)
July 2018 Maruarii (in Tokyo)



Production of Original CDs

Continuing our efforts to introduce the people of Japan to Tahitian music, we are assisting in the production of CDs of original instrumental music, as well as CDs of vocal music by various artists.

Ori Tahiti Lesson

A collection of short selections of drumming for Tahitian dance practice (recordings done locally of artists invited from Tahiti).



Ori Tahiti Lesson



Ori Tahiti Lesson 02



Ori Tahiti Lesson 03



Ori Tahiti Lesson 04



Ori Tahiti Lesson 05



Ori Tahiti Lesson 06



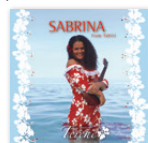
Ori Tahiti Lesson 07

Artist Series

Albums of live performances in Japan by Tahitian artists and CDs made in cooperation with Tahitian artists.



Sabrina & Grace Live in Tokyo



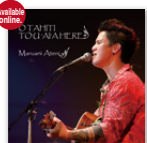
TEREHE (Sabrina)



To'u Fenua (Sabrina)



Hine Tapairu
(Maruarii ATENI)



O TAHITI TO'U 'AI 'A HERE
(Maruarii ATENI)

Tahitian Drum Lesson Series

Instructive CDs for Tahitian drum practice (recordings done locally of artists invited from Tahiti).



Tahitian Drum Lesson vol. 1



Tahitian Drum Lesson vol. 2



TAHITI HEIVA V.A.

A compilation album of traditional Tahitian music.

Tahiti Heiva in Japan Series

Original albums of recordings done by Artists invited over from Tahiti.



Tahiti Heiva in Japan vol. 1



FARA E
(Tahiti Heiva in Japan vol. 2)



TE REO
(Tahiti Heiva in Japan vol. 3)

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