

**NEW THIS YEAR!!!
BEST COSTUME
AWARD**

Te Ori Here 2017 Soloist Rules and Regulations

Le Polynesia Cultural Performing Arts Center is dedicated to promoting the Polynesian culture here in the United States. It is our MISSION to promote friendship, understanding and cultural awareness between the USA and French Polynesia. It is our goal to ensure that each soloist and attendee has an enjoyable and memorable experience and is able to participate in a meaningful cultural exchange. All soloists are encouraged to participate, learn, and compete in Te Ori Here regardless of skill. We look forward to your participation at this year's Te Ori Here!

Rules and Regulations for all Soloists

Soloists will be judged on technical accuracy, creativity (ability to choreograph a short routine), precision and timing (ability to change dance movements), costume, as well as expression and stamina.

Scoring

1. Accuracy of Tahitian dance steps

- Dancers should demonstrate proficiency in at least 4 dance movements during their routines. Examples are: Afata, Fa'arapu, Varu, Ope, Ruru, Tama'u etc.

2. Creativity

- Dancing will be impromptu and scored on the ability to interpret the specific drum beats.
- Ability to choreograph a short routine.

3. Costuming

Costuming will be scored during **PRELIMINARY ROUNDS ONLY**. Scores will be based on the following criteria:

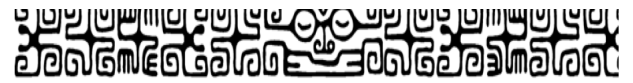
- Creative use of materials
- Undergarments must not show during performance.
- Pareos should be no more than 1-2 inches above the knees
- No hip or hand held adornments are allowed
- No rolling of pareos
- Tamaroa and Tane are required to wear a maro or tihere style pareo.
- Best Costume award to be granted for Tamari'i and Taure'are'a categories.

4. Expression and Stamina

- Soloists should demonstrate endurance and confidence throughout their routine.

5. Eligibility

- All dancers must be within their age category in order to participate in Te Ori Here
- Independent soloists are welcomed to participate in this event
- There is no limit to the number of participants in each Pupu Ori/ Halau
- This event is open to all Pupu Ori (dance groups)/ Halau, studios, or dance companies.



On April 8th, all participants should be ready to **CHECK IN BEGINNING AT 8:00 am.**
COMPETITION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 am.

- Soloist participation numbers will be provided at the check-in table
- Age Categories:

Vahine Age Groups

- Tamari'i (2-4 years exhibition only)
- Tamahine (5-7)
- Tamahine (8-10)
- Tamahine (11-13)
- Taure'are'a Vahine (14-17)
- Taure'are'a Vahine (18-21)
- Taure'are'a Vahine (22-26)
- Taure'are'a Vahine (27-35)
- Taure'are'a Vahine (36+)

Tane Age Groups

- Tamari'i (2-4 years exhibition only)
- Tamaroa (5-7)
- Tamaroa (8-10)
- Tamaroa (11-13)
- Taure'are'a Tane (14-17)
- Taure'are'a Tane (18-21)
- Taure'are'a Tane (22-26)
- Taure'are'a Tane (27-35)
- Taure'are'a Tane (36+)

- Trophies will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners, and overall dancers (Tamari'i and Taure'are'a).
- Trophies awarded for Best Costume Tamahine /Tamaroa (5 to 13) and Vahine/Tane (14 to 36+).
- Cash award for overall winners.

Rules

- House drumming will be provided for all Ori soloists.
- All Divisions- 1 minute 30 seconds up to 2 minutes 30 seconds maximum.
- All vahines must wear a flat tie pareo, not rolled either plain or printed.
- Tane participants must wear a maro or tihere style pareo. Tane may wear fresh/natural leg and arm adornments.
- Costuming rules are detailed above.

Elimination process

- The elimination process will begin with the youngest age category to the oldest.
- There will be a 1st round elimination.
- Finalists will compete in a second, and/or final round.
- From that, a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner will be chosen.
- The Overall winners will be chosen from 1st winners in all categories. Dancers will compete in an overall competition after the awards. There will be Tamari'i overall winners (ages 5-13) and Taure'are'a overall winners (ages 14+).
- If any age category has 4 or less participants, they automatically move to the final round.

Applications

- Applications available online at <http://www.lepolynesia.com/te-ori/>.
- Applications must be mailed along with payment in the form of a cashier's check or money order to: **Te Ori Here c/o Le Polynesia 22706 Aspan Street, Suite 700A Lake Forest, CA 92630**
- For more information and/or questions, please contact Guy or Lori Montgomery, Directors at lepolynesia@yahoo.com, 949-636-1540 or 949-466-9010.