



**NEW THIS YEAR!!!!  
BEG AND ADV  
DIVISIONS**

# Te Ori Here 2018

## 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 cultural awareness, education and preservation of the Polynesian culture. It is our goal to ensure that each participant 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 age or skill level. We look forward to your participation at this year's Te Ori Here!

### Rules and Regulations for all Soloists

#### BEGINNING DIVISION CRITERIA:

- Participant must not have made finals or placed in any Tahitian Dance Competition.
- Participant must have their Pupu Ori (group leader or teacher) sign the application stating that they have never placed or made finals in any Tahitian Solo Dance Competition. If the participant is an independent dancer, they will sign for themselves.

#### ADVANCED DIVISION CRITERIA:

- Participants who do not meet the above criteria will be considered Advanced and must compete in the Advanced Category.

#### Scoring will be based on the following:

##### 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. Precision and Creativity

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

##### 3. Costuming

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

- Creative use of materials
- Pareos should be no more than 1-2 inches above the knees. No rolling of pareos.
- No hip or hand held adornments are allowed
- Tamaroa and Tane are required to wear a maro or tihere style pareo.
- Best Costume awards for Tamaroa and Tamahine (5-13) and Vahine and Tane (14+) in ALL categories.

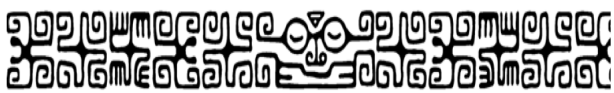
##### 4. Energy and Stamina

- Soloists should demonstrate endurance, strength and power throughout their routine.

##### 5. Stage Presence and Expression

- Soloist should demonstrate the ability to express themselves through movement, facial expression and body language.
- Soloist should be engaging to the audience with grace and professionalism.

**NOTE: IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS, DANCERS WILL BE JUDGED ON "ACCURACY OF DANCE TECHNIQUE" AND "COSTUME" ONLY. IN THE FINAL ROUNDS, DANCERS WILL BE JUDGED IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT "COSTUME".**



**DAY OF INFORMATION:**

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, **CHECK IN BEGINS AT 7:30am. COMPETITION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 am.**

- Location: Century High School 1401 S. Grand Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705
- Soloist participation numbers will be provided at the check-in table

**Vahine Age Groups**

- Tamari'i (2-4 years exhibition only)
- Tamahine (5-7)
- Tamahine (8-10)
- Tamahine (11-13)
- Vahine (14-17)
- Vahine (18-21)
- Vahine (22-26)
- Vahine (27-35)
- Vahine (36+)
- Vahine (50+)

**Tane Age Groups**

- Tamari'i (2-4 years exhibition only)
- Tamaroa (5-7)
- Tamaroa (8-10)
- Tamaroa (11-13)
- Tane (14-17)
- Tane (18-21)
- Tane (22-26)
- Tane (27-35)
- Tane (36+)
- Tane (50+)

- Trophies will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners in each division and category.
- Trophies awarded for Best Costume Tamahine /Tamaroa (5 - 13) and Vahine/Tane (14 - 50+).
- Overall winners for Tamahine/Tamaroa (5-13) and Vahine/Tane (14-50+) will be chosen from the **ADVANCED DIVISION ONLY**. Cash awards for overall winners.

**Music**

- House drumming will be provided for all soloists.
- All soloists in all Divisions will perform an impromptu solo performance to various drums beats
- All solos will be from 1 minute 30 seconds up to 2 minutes 30 seconds maximum.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in all categories **IN THE ADVANCED DIVISION ONLY**. Dancers will compete in an overall competition after the awards. There will be Tamahine and Tamaroa overall winners (ages 5-13) and Vahine and Tane overall winners (ages 14+).

**Applications**

- Applications available online at <http://www.lepolynesia.com/te-ori-here.html>
- 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](mailto:lepolynesia@yahoo.com), 949-636-1540 or 949-466-9010.

**TICKETS:**

All competitors do not need an entrance ticket. Your solo number will be your entrance ticket to the event. All others will be required to have an entrance ticket. Tickets are available online at <http://www.lepolynesia.com/> and at the door the day of the event. Ticket prices: \$15 adults, \$10 children and seniors pre-sale, \$20 and \$15 at the door.