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**Disney's *Moana* to make world premiere in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i at
Ko Olina's World Oceans Day, June 10**
Special Appearance by *Moana* star Auli'i Cravalho

KAPOLEI --- Hawai'i's Auli'i Cravalho and cast members of the 'Ōlelo Hawai'i-version of Walt Disney Animation Studios' *Moana* will walk the blue carpet for its premiere at World Oceans Day on Sunday, June 10, at Ko Olina Resort.

The premiere is a part of the resort's second annual World Oceans Day Celebration, a collaboration with Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa, University of Hawai'i Academy for Creative Media System, NOAA, Polynesian Voyaging Society and other community partners. World Oceans Day festivities at Ko Olina will include ocean education and sustainability activities, live entertainment, and food for purchase. The event will provide families an opportunity to learn about marine protected resources, and interact with sustainability-focused organizations. The afternoon culminates with the special sunset showing of *Moana* in 'ōlelo Hawai'i and related performances.

This is the first time a Disney picture has been re-recorded in 'ōlelo Hawai'i. The University of Hawai'i's Academy for Creative Media System funded and coordinated the re-recording of *Moana* with the goal of sharing the film for educational purposes in Hawai'i and beyond. The collaborative production joins faculty and staff from the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and Honolulu Community College. The movie stars Cravalho, UH Mānoa student Christopher Kaipulaumakaniolono Baker as Maui, Wai'anae's Nicole Scherzinger as Sina, Kelikokauaikekai Hoe as Ali'i Tui, Kalehuapuake'ula Kawa'a as Puna Tala, Kamakakehau Fernandez as Tamatoa, and 24 locally cast 'ōlelo Hawai'i speaking actors and singers.

The global theme and focus for World Oceans Day 2018 is plastic pollution prevention and cleaning the ocean of marine litter. World Oceans Day at Ko Olina is also a Zero Waste event, a commitment to protecting Hawai'i's ocean and marine life and eliminating waste to landfills. Please bring a reusable water bottle to fill at hosted water stations. Zero Waste stations for recyclables, green waste and food waste will also be available.



The celebration begins at 4 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Reserve your tickets at 2018worldoceansdaykoolina.eventbrite.com. For more information about World Oceans Day visit worldoceansday.org

What To Bring:

Reusable cups (water stations will be available for refilling); beach towel, mat or blanket to sit on (please, no high back folding chairs)

Prohibited/ Restricted Items:

Alcoholic beverages, coolers, glass containers, backpacks, umbrellas, high back folding chairs, pets, tents, and sunshades are prohibited.

Parking Information:

Follow signs to Event Parking; parking is \$10 per vehicle (cash only).

About the Academy for Creative Media System

The Academy for Creative Media System (ACMS), engages all of the campuses within the University of Hawai'i system and works collaboratively across the system, drawing upon programs, faculty and students system-wide. ACMS is fulfilling its mission by supporting complementary creative media programs at all ten campuses. The programs teach the 21st century skills at the nexus of evolving technology, art, storytelling and content creation that students need, not just in the media fields, but across all industries. ACM System is part of the UH System's Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation. For more information visit www.acmsystem.hawaii.edu.

About NOAA

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources. Join us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and our other [social media channels](#).

About Ko Olina Resort

Ko Olina is a 642-acre master-planned resort community on the western shore of O'ahu. Resort partners include Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa, Four Seasons Resort O'ahu at Ko Olina, Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club, Beach Villas at Ko Olina, Ko Olina Golf Club, Ko Olina Marina, oceanfront wedding chapels, and the Ko Olina Station and Ko Olina Center retail hub. The resort, known as O'ahu's premier vacation destination, also features four pristine oceanfront lagoons connected by 1.5 miles of shoreline pathways, access to a diverse selection of ocean and outdoor activities and the island's best weather.



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About Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa

Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa is perfectly positioned on 21 beautiful oceanfront acres at Ko Olina. Aulani features 351 rooms, including 15 suites, and 481 two-bedroom equivalent villas, including 20 grand villas. Guests are invited to experience its world-class spa, restaurants and lounges, pools, complimentary kids; club, and more – all uniquely designed for families to discover the culture, history and traditions of Hawai'i. Aulani Resort was voted the No. 1 family beach resort in the *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards in 2016.

About Polynesian Voyaging Society

The Polynesian Voyaging Society was founded in 1973 on a legacy of Pacific Ocean exploration, seeking to perpetuate the art and science of traditional Polynesian voyaging and the spirit of exploration through experiential educational programs that inspire students and their communities to respect and care for themselves, one another, and their natural and cultural environments. For more information about the Polynesian Voyaging Society and the Worldwide Voyage, visit www.hokulea.com or find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

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