



PACIFIC HEARTBEAT

SUMMER FILM FEST



Four unique titles will be available on YouTube with universal access—one film released each Wednesday starting on August 19th. The films, which explore the arts and culture of Hawai’i, New Zealand, Samoa, and beyond, invite viewers to explore the Pacific Islands without the need for travel.

The festival is a project of Pacific Heartbeat, a public media anthology series that provides viewers a glimpse of the real Pacific—its people, cultures, languages, music, and contemporary issues. From revealing exposés to rousing musical performances, the series features a diverse array of programs that will draw viewers into the heart and soul of Pacific Island culture.

Use this guide with friends and family at home, in the classroom, the workplace, or anywhere you might want to indulge in summer fun. And remember, in addition to the four films in this summer’s festival, you can watch new short films throughout the year from [Pacific Pulse](#), and other full-length episodes of Pacific Heartbeat on [PBS.org](#).

THE FILMS



August 19: One Voice

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One Voice tells the story of the Kamehameha Schools Song Contest through the eyes of the student song directors. Every year in Hawai’i, 2000 high school students compete in the Kamehameha Schools Song Contest where young leaders direct their peers in singing Hawaiian music in four-part harmony. *One Voice* shares the thrill of the competition via the personal stories of the student song directors as they experience the trials and tribulations of competition in this annual high school event.



August 26: Black Grace

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When *Black Grace*, a dance troupe of Pacific Islander and Māori men, first burst onto the New Zealand stage in 1995, they were a revelation. Fusing traditional Pacific and contemporary dance forms with athleticism and grace, they electrified audiences. This film follows *Black Grace*’s journey from Cannon’s Creek, a small town outside of Wellington, New Zealand to the prestigious Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival, the oldest one of its kind in North America.



September 2: Holo Mai Pele

WATCH NOW

Holo Mai Pele (Pele Travels) tells the epic saga of the rivalry between Pelehonuamea, goddess of the volcano, and her youngest and favorite sister Hi’iaka. The one-hour performance weaves together archetypal themes of creation, love, and betrayal into a sweeping dramatic performance. For the first time, a rare legacy of chants and dances as passed down through generations is presented by the Kumu Hula and performers of Halau o Kekuhi, in a stunning and exciting adaptation for Dance in America.



September 9: Skin Stories

WATCH NOW

Tracing back more than 2,000 years to the Pacific Islands, tattoo is an ancient art form that began as a rite of passage for Polynesians and has become a form of expression for people worldwide. Featuring traditional tattooing ceremonies, compelling interviews, and a breathtaking collection of tattoo body art, *Skin Stories* traces the roots of tattoo, highlighting individual stories and the evolution of cultural traditions in the Pacific.

Watch the full playlist here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZcGFem2oR16SPbQ81EBZzcUI794RTgLw>

SUMMER FILM FEST ACTIVITIES

- I. **Harmonize at home** with the students of Kamehameha School featured in *One Voice*. A student [recording](#) and lyrics for the Song of Hawaiian Unity are available online. If playing an instrument like the ukulele is more your jam, check out the [sheet music](#) for the Hawaiian national anthem, Hawai’i Pono’i.
- II. You can **marvel at the fiery wonders** of Pelehonuamea from the safety of your living room. Check out the recent volcanic activity of Kilauea documented by the [National Park Service](#) or the live webcam recorded 24 hours a day by the [US Geological Service](#). Involve the kids in your life by sharing a Pele [story](#) and [coloring page](#) from WBUR.
- III. **Discover your inner tattoo artist**, exploring the Māori culture of New Zealand. Learn to create beautiful pieces of artwork featuring Koru designs. A great activity for both children and adults, create a colorful painting of your own with [this lesson](#) and [these images](#) as your inspiration.
- IV. Learn to **tell a story through dance**, with a [hula lesson](#) in your living room. Celebrate the vibrant culture of hula with iHula Hawaii’s collection of traditional dance tutorials. Grab the kids, your partner, the dog- or dance solo on your staycation!

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: PACIFIC ISLANDS QUIZ

1. When was the Hawaiian language made the official language of Hawai’i?
2. What is the Maori ceremonial dance called?
3. How was the legend of Pelehonuamea passed down in Hawaiian culture?
4. Where did tattooing originate?
5. Who traditionally received tattoos in Samoan culture?
6. How many islands are in the Pacific?
7. The Kamehameha Schools Song Contest features songs in what language?
8. Kakau and moko are traditional Polynesian names for what type of art?
9. What is the name of the traditional dance that was developed in the Hawaiian Islands?
10. Which of the following islands is not considered one of the Pacific Islands?

- A. Samoa B. Taiwan C. New Zealand D. Hawai’i

Quiz Answers

1. 1978
2. Haka
3. Chants
4. Polynesia
5. Men
6. 25,000
7. Hawai’ian
8. Tattoo art
9. Hula
10. (b) Taiwan



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