



IONA CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE

OH MY GODDESS!

Ola Ko'u Akua Wahine!

World Premiere

September 29 - October 1, 2023

Hawai'i Convention Center

Oh My Goddess! (Ola Ko'u Akua Wahine!) is an epic new work from IONA featuring contemporary representations of the four Hawaiian goddesses Pele, Hi'iaka, Nāmaka, and Poli'ahu. The production revitalizes the Hawaiian notion of mana wahine, the inherent strength of women, while showcasing Hawaii's unique connection to the environment—giving ancient stories new life for the people of Hawai'i and those beyond our shore.

Rooted in antiquity but realized as contemporary works of art, the goddess' costumes will top IONA's existing collection in their scale, design, and use of materials. They will be brought to life by the IONA dancers in a presentation of these powerful goddesses that is authentic, reverent, highly creative, and contemporary.

The goddesses' mode of performance is as "dancing installations" in which the audience circulates—similar to an art gallery. The show opens with each goddess veiled in a large scrim "cone" onto which video of their respective environments is projected. Following an opening oli, the veils are lifted and the performance begins.

Post-premiere activities use the production as a platform to empower women and girls and educate our youth through this vibrant re-telling of the stories of four of the most powerful goddesses in Hawai'i's pantheon.

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Circle of Goddesses

Circle up girls, and help IONA bring this amazing new work to the stage!

\$25,000 ~ Hōkū (Star) Goddess Benefits

- Private performance by your favorite goddess
- Your name/logo on all PR materials
- Ten VIP tickets to the show of your choice
- Backstage passes
- Goddess Goodies and Special Invitations

\$10,000 ~ Āhi (Fire) Goddess Benefits

- Your name/logo on all PR materials
- Eight VIP tickets to the show of your choice
- Backstage passes
- Goddess Goodies and Special Invitations

\$5,000 ~ Aina (Land) Goddess Benefits

- Your name/logo on all PR materials
- Six VIP tickets to the show of your choice
- Backstage passes
- Goddess Goodies and Special Invitations

\$2,500 ~ Hau (Snow) Goddess Benefits

- Your name in show program
- Four VIP tickets to the show of your choice
- Backstage passes
- Goddess Goodies and Special Invitations

\$1,000 ~ Kai (Ocean) Goddess Benefits

- Your name in show program
- Two VIP tickets to the show of your choice
- Backstage passes
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