



ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND

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POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Royal Hawaiian Band serves as the official band of the City and County of Honolulu and has the distinction of being the only full-time municipal band in the nation and the only band in the United States of America established by a royal kingdom. The band represents the City and County of Honolulu at public events and provides a wide variety of music for the educational and cultural needs of the community. Due to its cultural heritage, the band endeavors to maintain its observance of and its participation in all events that were established during the Hawaiian monarchy era.

The Royal Hawaiian Band, made up of forty full-time positions, functions as a concert band, a marching band and a glee club ensemble. The administrative and operational affairs of the band are handled by the bandmaster, assistant administrator, brass supervisor, woodwind supervisor, glee club leader, assistant conductor, drum major, librarian-in-charge, assistant librarian, field coordinator and senior clerk-typist. With the exceptions of the bandmaster and the senior clerk-typist, the other positions listed are dual positions – they are musicians in the band in addition to their administrative and staff responsibilities.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

During Fiscal Year 2007 the band and glee club performed a total of 320 performances. The following is a sampling of the many performances by the band throughout the year.



Public concert at the Coconut Grove, Royal Hawaiian Hotel

Weekly concerts are on-going on the lawn at the Iolani Palace on Fridays, and at the Queen Kapi'olani Park bandstand on Sundays. Monthly performances included Windward Mall, Ala Moana Shopping Center, Mililani Town Center, and

Kapolei Hale, the City Hall annex in West Oahu. The band also performed public concerts on the lawn of the Coconut Grove at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Hawaiian cultural and monarchial events featured the band at the Queen Lili`uokalani birthday commemoration, Queen Emma's memorial tribute, King Kalakaua's birthday celebration, the colorful Aloha Festivals Floral Parade, and the regal King Kamehameha Floral Parade.

The band performed for other cultural and community events including the Honolulu and Kapolei City Lights Parades, the Matsuri Parade, the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, numerous community Christmas parades, community concerts at the Waiialua Bandstand, a Bastille Day performance at McCoy Pavilion, the Liliha Festival, the Kalihi Sunset in the Park, the Korean Festival, the Okinawan Festival, and the Vietnamese Festival. The band also performed for the annual May Day Celebration sponsored by the City's Parks and Recreation Department.



Walk for Diabetes



Kapolei City Lights Parade