

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

AUGUST 2019



The annual Back-To-School Blessing was held on Sunday, August 4

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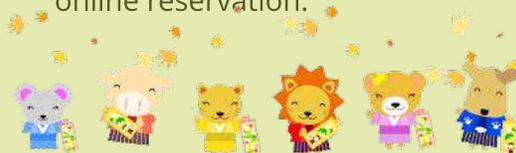
October 20 - Nov 17

ONLINE RESERVATIONS for Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwei and Jusan Mairi will be accepted from 8:30 am on September 1 (Hawaii Time)

Please visit our website www.jinja.us for details and link to our ONLINE RESERVATION Form.

Please use the Online reservation form for Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwei and Jusan Mairi.

We no longer accept reservations by phone or fax. A confirmation email or text will be sent to you within 3 days of receipt of your online reservation.



Popular comedians and TV personalities *Hakata Hanamaru Daikichi* consisting of *Hakata Hanamaru* and *Hakata Daikichi* visited the shrine on 8/13 to tape an episode of their popular TV program "*Nanshoto?*".

This is the second visit to the shrine by the comedy-duo originally from Fukuoka prefecture.



From left: Diane Nishida, Rev. Takizawa, Shinken Naitoh, Hakata Hanamaru, Hakata Daikichi

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8/3 Saturday

Chad Enoki
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8/4 Sunday

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Dorthea Yoakum
Katherine Yoakum



Back-To-School Blessing

The back-to-school season is a time filled with capturing the last days of summer, assembling school supplies, coordinating new wardrobes and adjusting to new schedules. This is a time that brings about a variety of emotions for parents, teachers and students as a new school year begins.

The shrine offered a special blessing steeped in ancient tradition honoring students of all ages and those in the field of education.

Mahalo nui to the officers and volunteers for sharing their time and energies in making the event a success !!



Shrine Director **Bryson Goda** aka *Hanayagi Mitsujuro* performed at the recent Memorial Dance Concert of the *Hanayagi-ryu* school of classical Japanese dance.

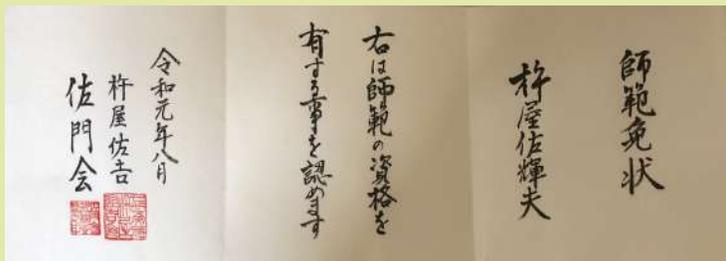
The Memorial performance was held at the *Kabuki-za* Theater to commemorate the 13th year since death for Grand Master *Hanayagi Jusuke III*, and the 50th year since death for Grand Master *Hanayagi Jusuke II*.

Over 1,900 people were in attendance to watch the performances of the present Grand Master, other notable *Hanayagi ryu* artists and the Kabuki legend Bando Tamasaburo.

A contingent from the shrine, including shrine Director Diane Nishida and husband Craig and Rev. Masa Takizawa flew to Tokyo to witness the once-in-a-lifetime performance.



From Left: Sharon Toma, Lorraine Kadota, Bryson Goda, Reiko Chiyoya, Kathy Hamada-Kwock, Diane Nishida



Shrine Director **Bryson Goda** is also a Natori instructor with the Kineya School of Nagauta Shamisen.

In early August, Bryson, known professionally as *Kineya Sakio* received the coveted title of *Shihan* Master Artist from Grand Master Kineya Sakichi.

After grueling years of lessons and performances, Bryson is now a living repository of classical *shamisen* compositions.

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Hayden Lee, a 9 year-old prodigy has recently wowed audiences at Carnegie Hall.

The third-grader from Zukeran Elementary School, Okinawa plays music composed by Bach, Mozart and Mendelssohn from memory.

Hayden was born and raised in Hawaii and recently moved to Okinawa with his parents who are civilians with the Navy.

Hayden became inspired to learn piano at 6 years old, after watching an older cousin playing a keyboard.

Hayden's first piano teacher was shrine friend - **Akiko Sanai**. Hayden trained under Akiko for two years and began to develop his own technique of visualizing colors and shapes to play songs by ear.

Before moving to Japan, he played in Rome, where he won first place in the Grand prize Virtuoso

International Music Competition.

"There is no limit." Akiko said. "I think he will be who he wants to be and do what he wants to do with the piano."

Akiko was born and raised in Yamaguchi prefecture, Japan and began learning and playing the piano from the age of six.

She is a concert pianist, board member of the Honolulu Piano Teachers Association and an active member of the Music Teachers National Association. She was recognized as Best Piano Teacher by Steinway & Sons and has since served as a judge for Steinway & Sons piano competitions. Akiko is also known in the music circle as a gifted teacher.

Two other students of Akiko - Kaya Smith and Anna Kobayashi has also performed at Carnegie Hall.

Akiko has two studios - one In Kuliouou and another one in Kaimuki.



Akiko Sanai and Hayden Lee

Maintenance

The Bathroom Project continues with pipe replacement for the girl's bathroom, main kitchen and hall patio.

Several pipes were relocated to a more accessible location within the structure.

Cement was poured to restore the concrete slab foundation which encases the plumbing lines.

Bathroom floors were primed and painted to prevent moisture from seeping inside.



A large hole was cut in the boy's bathroom wall in June to access and repair the problem pipes. The gaping hole in the drywall was repaired August 18.

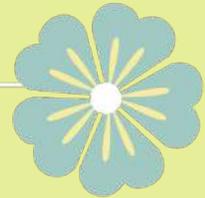
Several skim coats of drywall compound was used. Once dried, the wall will be sanded the week of 8/19 to level the repair with the surrounding wall.

The last load from the rolloff was picked up, signaling that the end of the project was approaching.

CALENDAR

September

- 1 8:30 am
Online Reservations accepted for Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai and Jusan Mairi
- 28 1 pm
Cleanup and prep
- 29 3 pm
Autumn Thanksgiving Festival



October

- 19 9 am
Cleanup & Preparations
- 20 9 am - 1 pm
Shichigosan
- 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service