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TOP CHEFS, ENTERTAINERS HELP HULIHE'E PALACE

FUNDRAISER SET FOR OCT. 18 AT SHERATON KEAUHOU BAY

RESORT & SPA IS HAWAII'S CULINARY EVENT OF THE YEAR

KEAUHOU-KONA, BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII—Sample cuisine by leading national and statewide chefs at Kahea 'O Hulihe'e, e hele mai e 'ai - A Call From Hulihe'e to Come and Share, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, October 18 on the Hawai'i Lawn at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort and Spa. Spearheaded by Chef Sam Choy, the benefit attempts to "Honor the Past to Preserve the Future" and includes legendary entertainment spanning multiple generations. There will also be a silent auction of select merchandise and activities.

Chef Choy of Kailua-Kona initiated the fundraiser to benefit the earthquake-damaged Hulihe'e Palace. Ticket sales and auction proceeds will help fund preservation efforts at the historic landmark, which suffered \$1.5 million in damages during the October 2006 tremblors. Repairs began in December 2007 and the restoration is expected to take about a year; the palace is temporarily closed and is unable to earn money from daily admission fees.

"I speak from my heart when I say there's a special magic and history at Hulihe'e Palace," emphasizes Chef Choy, who often accompanies his granddaughter "Tini" to hula practice on the palace grounds. "I want Hulihe'e to be here, in all her grandeur, for generations to come."

Tickets are \$150 per person. Phone 329-9555 for details and to purchase tickets.

Hulihe'e Palace is located at 75-5718 Ali'i Drive in the heart of Kailua-Kona. The non-profit Daughters of Hawai'i and its auxiliary group, the Calabash Cousins, maintain and operate the historic landmark and its seaside grounds. Founded in 1903, the Daughters of Hawai'i opens its membership to any woman who is directly descended from a person who lived in Hawai'i prior to 1880. Membership in the Calabash Cousins is available to all. For info, 329-9555 or visit daughtersofhawaii.org.