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Top 10 Reasons why you won't want to miss the 8th Annual Hawaii Book & Music Festival Presented by Bank of Hawaii May 18 & 19, 2013

HONOLULU (April 25, 2013) – There are dozens of reasons to attend the 8th annual Bank of Hawaii Presents the Hawaii Book & Music Festival. Here are our Top 10 reasons why you won't want to miss this year's festivities, coming to the grounds of the Honolulu Hale civic center on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 2013,

- 10 Browse and buy books from more than a dozen Hawaii publishers and independents at the new Publishers Village.
- 9 Enjoy ono eats at the Food Court while listening to acoustic ethnic music at the nearby Café Stage.
- 8 Take in two days of Main Stage performances by top hula halau (including three Merrie Monarch winners), Willow Chang and 12 exotic dance companies, and award-winning Hawaiian entertainers, including Amy Hanaiali'i with Jeff Peterson; Starr Kalahiki; Kupaoa; and Henry Allen.
- 7 Swap up to 5 gently-used books at the Bank of Hawaii Book Swap.
- 6 Meet and take photos with favorite PBS Kids and other classic characters: The Cat in the Hat, Chet Gecko, Curious George, The Lorax, Lyle Lyle Crocodile, SuperWhy, Wild Thing and Word Girl.

- 5 Sit in on 14 provocative panels to hear about the latest books and trends in Hawaiian culture, plus another 14 panels on every aspect of the art and practice of biography and memoir.
- 4 Delight the kids with 28 high-energy entertainment acts on the Keiki Stage, including perennial favorite, PBS Kids Host Mr. Steve. Plus a Read Aloud Pavilion, Keiki Activities Pavilion, Keiki Zone bouncers and rides.
- 3 Check out the special attractions in the Mission Memorial Auditorium, featuring film, opera and national best-selling authors.
- 2 Hear local and national fiction and nonfiction authors present their latest books, and get books signed, too.

#1 reason to attend: Festival admission is FREE and nearby parking is FREE.

There's not another event in Hawaii like the Hawaii Book & Music Festival Presented by Bank of Hawaii. For additional information and updates, visit the Festival website at www.HawaiiBookAndMusicFestival.org.

The non-profit Bank of Hawaii Presents Hawaii Book & Music Festival beneficiaries are *Hawaii Literacy* and *Read to Me International*.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE UPDATE: The Honolulu Police Department will hold a parade honoring fallen police officers from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 19. The parade will feature some 2,000 motorcycle riders continuously circling the Civic Grounds and Iolani Palace grounds. The noise will make it difficult for speakers to be heard, so Hawaii Book & Music Festival officials have decided to start the Sunday May 19 speaking programs at 11 a.m., one hour later than originally scheduled. The program will end at 6 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. However, the Bank of Hawaii Book Swap and all vendor and food booths will open at 10 a.m. as originally scheduled.