

NEWS



THE RITZ-CARLTON
MAUI, KAPALUA

1 RITZ-CARLTON DRIVE, KAPALUA, HI, 96761 | (808) 669-6200

Media Contacts

Rebecca Pang
Director of Public Relations
(808) 669-6200
rebecca.pang@ritzcarlton.com

THE MAUI JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL RETURNS TO KAPALUA

A celebration of sound and soul takes place at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua

KAPALUA, MAUI, HI — (August 22, 2025) — Celebrate the spirit of jazz and blues in paradise. Jazz Alley TV’s Maui Jazz & Blues Festival returns to Kapalua from October 20-26, 2025, taking center stage at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua. Known for its breathtaking setting, world-class hospitality, and commitment to the arts, the resort proudly hosts the weeklong musical journey, reaffirming its role as Maui’s premier destination for luxury entertainment.

A magnet for music lovers from around the world, the festival brings together Grammy Award-winning legends, internationally renowned instrumentalists, and cultural icons for a one-of-a-kind experience to West Maui. From jazz and blues to Cajun zydeco and soulful southern rhythms, this year’s event promises a rich fusion of sound and spirit from New Orleans and beyond.

“We are excited to welcome this exceptional lineup to the shores of Kapalua,” said Jon Gersonde, general manager of The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua. “Set against the backdrop of our iconic resort, this extraordinary week of music will offer guests and residents an unforgettable blend of world-class music and luxury hospitality.”

Festival founder and Maui filmmaker Kenneth K. Martinez Burgmaier adds, “I am honored to bring the Maui Jazz & Blues Festival back to the West Side of Maui. After everything this community has been through, we’re ready to turn up the volume and deliver an epic weekend of world-class music and good vibes.”

As a gesture of aloha, over 100 tickets will be donated to Lahaina fire victims by the festival and The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, ensuring the community can share in this incredible experience.

Tickets are on sale now at MauiJazzandBluesFestival.com.

Festival Kickoff Event

- October 3 | 6-9 p.m. | Alaloe Lounge | Complimentary
 - Join The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua for a complimentary Maui Jazz & Blues Festival kickoff concert at the Alaloe Lounge featuring Grammy winner and NEA

Jazz Master Delfeayo Marsalis from New Orleans and the Royal Family of Jazz, part of the resort's Kapalua Concert Series.

Maui Jazz & Blues Festival highlights include:

- October 20 | 6-9 p.m. | Alaloe Lounge | Complimentary
 - Kick off the week with the Maui Jazz & Blues Festival Band featuring Fast Freddy and the Blue Lava Blues Quartet.
- October 21 | 6-9 p.m. | Alaloe Lounge | Complimentary
 - Celebrate Women in Jazz & Blues with the Maui Jazz & Blues Wahine Trio: Dr. Joie Taylor (Saxophone), Na Hoku Winner Louise Lambert (Piano), and Andrea Walls (Violin).
- October 22 | 6-9 p.m. | Alaloe Lounge | Complimentary
 - Maui Jazz & Blues Fest Trio featuring a special appearance by four-time Grammy-winning Hawaiian singer-songwriter Kalani Pe'a, Grammy-nominated Mark Johnstone, and appearances by other Grammy-winning jazz artists.
- October 23 | 6-9 p.m. | Alaloe Lounge | \$10 per person
 - A Cajun Zydeco Blues Jubilee with:
 - Grammy winner Wilson Savoy, Louisiana Cajun ambassador Jourdan Thibodeaux, Grammy-nominated Roddie Romero, and friends
 - Chris Thomas King – Grammy and Country Music Award-winning blues guitarist
 - Mark Johnstone, Dave Graber, and Alex Keeney – Maui Jazz & Blues Festival Trio
- October 24 | 6-9 p.m. | Alaloe Lounge | \$10 per person
 - A New Orleans JazzFest experience featuring:
 - The beloved band The Iguanas, joined by two-time Grammy-winning saxophonist Eric Marienthal, Grammy-winning trombonist Charlie Halloran, and Jazz Fest friends
- October 25 | 4:30-9 p.m. | Aloha Garden Pavilion | Main Festival Event
 - Join us for an unforgettable evening at the heart of the Maui Jazz & Blues Festival. The Main Festival Event features an electrifying lineup of world-class artists celebrating jazz, blues, Cajun, and zydeco rhythms.
 - Live performances by:
 - Eric Marienthal – Grammy-winning saxophonist
 - Chris Thomas King – Grammy and CMA-winning blues innovator and film star
 - The Cajun Zydeco Experience – High-energy Louisiana grooves
 - Wilson Savoy, Jourdan Thibodeaux, Roddie Romero – Grammy-winning and nominated Cajun legends
 - The Iguanas – New Orleans' favorite band blending America's musical heritage
 - Donald Harrison – NEA Jazz Master, Big Chief and Star of HBO's Treme
 - Zenshin Daiko Drummers – Special guest performance
 - Maui Jazz & Blues Festival Band – Featuring Grammy-nominated Mark Johnstone with Dave Graber, Nolen Wren, and Alex Keeney

Tickets:

- General Admission: \$145
- VIP Tickets: \$245 (includes preferred seating)
- VIP Table for 10: \$2,000 (perfect for groups or corporate hosting)
- Adults 21+ only

- Purchase online at: MauiJazzandBluesFestival.com
- October 26 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Ulana Terrace | Jazz Brunch
 - Wrap up the Maui Jazz & Blues Festival with a vibrant New Orleans-style brunch, infused with island flavors and live music. Enjoy soulful performances by the Maui Jazz & Blues Festival Band featuring acclaimed artists like Donald Harrison, Charlie Halloran, and Joe Cabral of The Iguanas. The brunch menu will feature blackened shrimp and grits, gumbo, muffaletta sandwiches, crawfish mac and cheese, beignets, and more Southern-inspired delights.
 - Cost:
 - \$95 for adults | \$35 for children ages 6-12 | \$15 for children 5 & under
 - Kama‘āina discount available upon request.
 - Reservations are available on OpenTable or by calling 808-665-7089.

From October 20-25, Alaloa Lounge invites guests to celebrate the Maui Jazz & Blues Festival with a special menu of speakeasy-inspired cocktails each night, crafted to capture the spirit and sophistication of the jazz era.

For information on this year’s venue, visit ritzcarlton.com/maui. Kama‘āina room rates for the Maui Jazz & Blues Festival are available at ritzcarlton.com/maui using code Z43 or by calling the resort at 808-669-6200. Valid Hawai‘i ID is required.