



HALEKULANI RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR IN GRAND STYLE WITH THE FAMED HONOLULU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND AWARD-WINNING CUISINE

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HONOLULU, HI - December 2006. Halekulani, Hawaii's celebrated oasis of romance and luxury is ringing in 2007 with its annual New Year's Eve Extravaganza themed "Romance Remembered" featuring the exemplary culinary offerings of Orchids and La Mer paired with the crescendo of the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra led by esteemed conductors Matt Catingub and JoAnn Falletta. Offering a sophisticated and festive environment sure to envelop guests in the magic of the holidays, Halekulani, is the premiere oceanfront hotel to celebrate New Year's Eve, On the Beach at Waikiki.

La Mer's luxurious seven-course New Year's Eve Gala dinner designed by Michelin-starred Chef de Cuisine, Yves Garnier, begins with a *duo of foie gras with brioche and truffle jus*. The next course features *veal sweetbread Grenoble Style with young vegetables* followed by a *Big Island Lobster in a creamy herb sauce*. After enjoying a *bittersweet sorbet*, the dinner continues with *filet of Kobe Style Beef accompanied by artichoke béarnaise, yellow beets and duchesse potatoes and finished with a burgundy red wine sauce*. The meal concludes with *The Grand Dessert of the New Year* and *signature Mignardises chocolates*. The La Mer dinner is priced at \$370 per person including tax and gratuity and will begin service at 9 p.m. Long sleeved collared shirts or jackets required for gentlemen. Reservations are required, (808) 923-2311.

An evening of refined cuisine, overlooking Waikiki Beach coupled with live performances by the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra offers an unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration at **Orchids**. Orchids New Year's Eve dinner, designed by Halekulani Executive Chef Darryl Fujita, begins with the Chef's special *Amuse bouche*, followed by *chilled oysters and pearls of caviar*. The third course offers *crispy skin wild salmon fillet* and continues with a trio of Lobster dishes, called *Lobster Medley*. Next, *medallions of herb crusted veal loin served with a brie cheese gratinee, moral mushrooms and a peppered porto glaze* are served, and to finish is *Orchids Grand New Year's Even Dessert*. Dinner is priced at \$270 per person including tax and gratuity and will begin service at 8:30 p.m. Collared shirts and slacks are required for gentlemen. Reservations are required, (808) 923-2311.

About Halekulani

Consistently ranked among the world's best hotels, Halekulani is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and Okura Hotels & Resorts, two exclusive organizations pursuing service excellence and standards of the highest quality. *Travel + Leisure* ranked Halekulani as #1 hotel in Oahu and #17 worldwide in 2007; while naming the *Vera Wang Suite at Halekulani* one of the 50 most romantic destinations in the world. Also in 2006, the three year-old *SpaHalekulani* was named a "Leading Spa of the World" and the #2 best resort spa in North America by Conde Nast Traveler. In addition, Halekulani's fine dining restaurant La Mer is Hawaii's only AAA-Five Diamond Restaurant, holding this esteemed rating for 17-consecutive years, as well as being voted #8 of "America's Top 100 Hotel Restaurants" by Zagat in 2006. The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. has bestowed Halekulani with its annual *Quality Award*, making the Waikiki resort the only Leading Hotel to achieve this prestigious honor in either the United States or Canada.

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information contact your travel planner or the hotel at (800) 367-2343 or (808) 923-2311. Reservations can also be made through Halekulani's website at www.halekulani.com.

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