



**HALEKULANI LIVING presents
Master Floral Designer, JUN PINON
of San Francisco's esteemed Pinon Design**

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HONOLULU, HI – June 27, 2008 Halekulani Living, the unique lifestyle series of the world-renowned Halekulani, is pleased to present Master Floral Designer, Jun Pinon on Sunday, July 27, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Garden Terrace of Halekulani. The Sunday-afternoon workshop will feature interactive demonstrations and personal coaching by Pinon. Admission is \$65 per person and includes Halekulani's elegant Champagne and afternoon tea service which features sweet and savory delicacies. Reservations required at (808) 931-5005. Complimentary valet provided for all Halekulani Living events.

About Jun Pinon

Jun Piñon is San Francisco's most celebrated floral designer (www.Piñondesign.com). His designs possess an unmistakable quality that commands attention. A budding florist who arrived in the United States at age 16 and began his colorful career in the back of a delivery truck, Pinon's first hotel florist job was at the famed Halekulani, on the beach at Waikiki, where he collaborated with Halekulani's beloved Auntie Nani on timeless and elegant designs. He later studied under acclaimed designer, Stanlee Gatti, eventually gaining the attention of the Bay Area, with showcase designs gracing the lobbies of the Four Seasons Hotel and Ritz Carlton Hotel, along with the San Francisco Ballet, Williams-Sonoma, SF Garden Club and countless notable galas.

The contrast of his current success and his childhood in Manila taught Jun the importance of community and charity. No matter how many of his flowers grace the city at any given time, Jun is deeply involved in charity events such as his Flower Power demonstrations for the Salvation Army. Jun still enjoys delivering his flowers in person, and shares his design secrets with groups of 300 and more during interactive floral design workshops held throughout the city. "Flowers are very personal and hold a direct emotional connection," says Jun. "There is nothing better than seeing someone's reaction to a flower arrangement. Flowers are meant to be shared."

MEDIA NOTE:

Jun Pinon's extensive biography, headshot and images of his designs are available upon request; please contact Lauren Eastman (415) 867-7664 or Lauren.Eastman@gmail.com For Halekulani Living information contact Erika Kauffman, Director of Public Relations at (808) 535-0623 or Erika.Kauffman@halekulanicorp.com. Media event attendance welcome.

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About the series, Halekulani Living

Halekulani Living was crafted to provide guests an immersive, authentic and memorable Halekulani experience showcasing the Hotel's dynamic offerings in cuisine, the arts and wellness. Halekulani Living is founded on the Hotel's unwavering philosophy to and commitment of an enriched lifestyle, sophisticated elegance, innovative guest programming and award-winning hospitality. *Forthcoming Halekulani Living events will be announced individually.

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 #19 worldwide in 2006; 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 19-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.

Halekulani is managed by the Hotels and Resorts of Halekulani, a brand management division of the Honolulu-based Halekulani Corporation, which also manages Waikiki Parc Hotel. For reservations and 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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