



FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS AND CULTURE (FestPAC)

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Calling for Fiji Delegations to the 13th FESTPAC 2024, HAWAI'I

Hawai'i, a constituent state of the United States of America in the Central Pacific Ocean, will host the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts (FestPAC) in Honolulu from the 6th – 16th June 2024.

It is the Pacific's largest regional cultural gathering of Indigenous Peoples and one of the most significant cultural gatherings in the world, bringing together artists, cultural practitioners, scholars, and officials from the 27 member nations of the Pacific Community.

The goals of the Festival were developed in 1975 and have remained the driving force behind the event, guided by the foundational values of preservation and revival of traditional arts and cultures of the Pacific, exploration of new forms of cultural activities suited to the needs of the Pacific, awareness of cultural richness of the Pacific throughout the world, unity and Indigenous languages, and will feature live performances, cultural workshops, hands-on demonstrations, film, storytelling and more, that demonstrate the diversity of traditional and contemporary arts and culture across the Pacific.

FestPAC honours one of the world's rich and diverse regional cultures, bringing together long-established traditions and modern creativity in dance, music, theatre, ceremonies, customs, rituals, arts and crafts, food preparations, photography, language and much more. Fiji must realize that its rich culture is under threat, and together, as a region, we must unite to implement safeguarding mechanisms to ensure its survival and transmission to the next generation.

The Fiji Arts Council (FAC) calls for expressions of interest from Fijian individuals and groups to join the Fiji delegation to the FestPAC between June 6 and 16, 2024.

Expressions of interest should relate to FestPAC programming categories: **Navigation, Carving (Wood, Stone or Bone), Visual Artists (Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture and Photography), Masi Maker** to be part of the Fiji Delegation to the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture. Fiji's participation at the Festival in Hawai'i shows the commitment of the Coalition Government to enhance Fiji's current efforts to promote social cohesion, intercultural dialogue, cultural diplomacy and peaceful living in a diverse and multiracial society while honouring the safeguarding of iTaukei knowledge systems and its expressions.

The festival theme, *Ho'oulu Lāhui: Regenerating Oceania*, is an intention and commitment for each of us to engage in thoughtful actions, small and big, to inspire and enrich our homelands and peoples.

Eligibility

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be Fiji citizens (individuals or groups may apply)
- Available to travel to Hawai'i, USA between 1 – 17 June 2024
- Hold a Fiji passport that is valid until January 2025
- Be eligible for a USA visa for travelling to Hawai'i (*see more information on US visa requirements*)
- Have no current or previous criminal records and convictions (*US entry requirements*)
- Must be 18 years or over and below 60 years at the time of festival.

For any clarification or further information, please contact Mr Venasio Komai, Telephone No: 3311754/ 3311962/8097015 or email: vkomai@fijiartscouncil.com.fj during office hours, which is 9:00 am to 5:00 pm from Monday to Thursday, and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday.

Sealed envelopes are to be marked “**Expression of Interest - FESTPAC 2024**” and are to be addressed to The Director Fiji Arts Council, Box 2432, Government Building, Suva or e-mailed to 2024festpac@gmail.com

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CLOSES ON FRIDAY, 16 February 2024, AT 5.00 PM FIJI TIME.

Late submissions will not be accepted. FAC reserves the right to decline any EOI. Only successful applicants will be contacted.