

31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Guam • Micronesia  
**ISLAND  
FAIR**  
Celebrating  
*Peace & Friendship*  
in the Pacific



## Guam Visitors Bureau announces entertainment and activities for Guam Micronesia Island Fair 2019

(May 23, 2019 -- Hagåtña) – The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) announced today during a press conference at The Senator Antonio M. Palomo Guam Museum & Educational Facility in Hagåtña the entertainment, activities and highlights for the upcoming 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Guam Micronesia Island Fair (GMIF 2019). GVB invites all residents and visitors to join them for five days of rich cultural experiences.

### 2019 GMIF SCHEDULE

May 29 (Wed.) – 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. | Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m.

May 30 (Thurs.) – 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

May 31 (Fri.) – 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

June 1 (Sat.) – 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

June 2 (Sun.) – 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Closing Act at 4:30 p.m.

Themed “Celebrating Peace & Friendship in the Pacific”, GVB will welcome delegates and artisans from Rota; Federated States of Micronesia – Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Yap; The Marshall Islands; and Palau. The Guam delegation will be represented by cultural masters and artisans through the Guam Council of Arts and Humanities (CAHA).



GVB will offer a full lineup of live entertainment, cultural performances from the delegations, and activities for the entire family. There will be two stages for performances -- the event's Main Stage in the heart of the Plaza de España and the Pure Leaf Stage in the food and beverage area.

### **GMIF Opening Ceremony**

All are invited to attend GMIF 2019's Opening Ceremony on May 29 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Main Stage. Guam's leaders will recognize visiting heads of state, and participating delegates and artisans. The opening ceremony should not be missed. The GUMAs of Guam, under the direction of instructor Jonathan Perez from Guma Ininan I Saina-ta, will perform the opening number and the Kâten Kulu yan Bendision (blowing of the shell and the benediction). A parade of islands will welcome all GMIF 2019 delegates. After the official opening ceremony, Guam's 4for4 will close out the night with a special show.

"We are very excited to have our brothers and sisters from throughout Micronesia together to share, teach and enjoy each other's cultures at the 31<sup>st</sup> GMIF," said Pilar Laguaña, GVB President & CEO. "We want to highlight what we have in common, celebrate our bonds of friendship and continue to pass on our unique cultural traditions and languages to our children."

### **Featured Entertainers**

Fair goers can look forward to feature performances by 3K's: Kendall, Kelau, and Kayama, a popular group from Palau that performed at last year's GMIF and Guam's 4for4.

GVB has also scheduled special cultural performances by the Guam Chamorro Dance Academy from Japan, under the guidance of Master of Dance Frank Rabon and supported by GVB. The group, which is about 700 strong throughout Japan, will be traveling to Guam to perform a few shows at GMIF. The impressive Maria Ulloa Lujan Elementary School Cultural Club, made up by students ages five to 12, will also perform two shows during GMIF. The Imañe'luta (Rota) performance and the Tao Pacific Designs (Guam) Fashion Show are also top highlights of the fair.

### **Art and Vendors**

Exciting art displays will be featured at the Plaza de España. Guam artists Opake have installed a surprise mural across the Hagåtña Post Office and a special sustainable art installation will be featured.

Six visiting delegation booths and three Guam booths made up of CAHA Masters, the Che'lu Sakman Chamorro, and Guam Unique Merchandise Association (G.U.M.A.) will be located in the heart of the Plaza de España. More than 20 vendor booths will offer games, activities, and plants and merchandise for sale. Guam's favorite food trucks will be providing food and



beverages for sale throughout the event, and Heineken will be offering an adults-only beer garden.

### GMIF Vendor List

\$5 Paparazzi by Jashae	Guam Unique	Muse Face & Body Art
A & L Foods	Merchandise & Arts	Opake
Al's Ifit Carvings	Kiko's Local Art	PATA
Ann Aguon	KORNED	Polynesian Handicraft
Artisanat Tekanohi	Kwilts 'N Stuff	Sip N' Dip
Bernie's Karakot Plus	Lorzalyn Artistry	Stickers Express
Blenddit Mix	Lyn's BBQ Stixx/Smokin	Sticky Fingers
Bracelet Bar	Seafood	The Guam Bus
CHESA Guam	Makmata Tribe	Unggoy Enterprizes
G & G'S BBQ	Mama Ree's Sweet Treats	Vince & Becky's Local
GFA (Guam Filipino Artist)	Månnge Pops	Jewelry
"OBRA"	Momo's Cafe	Zana Gifts & Things
Guam Peeps 671	Munchies Food Truck	

### Green Initiatives

GVB is requesting that everyone bring reusable shopping bags for their purchases. GVB also encourages everyone to help make GMIF a green event by reducing waste and sorting their garbage. iRecycle Guam, as part of the Matson Adahi I Tano initiative, will be on hand to manage the sorting and recycling efforts. GVB thanks Matson and iRecycle for helping to keep Guam green and clean.

### Håfa Adai Pledge's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

GVB will continue its celebration of Håfa Adai Pledge's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by offering free activities for kids and two opportunities each day for children and adults to take the Håfa Adai Pledge. The Håfa Adai Pledge will be located in the Gazebo and will be open for the duration of the fair.

### Event Sponsors

GVB would like to thank the sponsors for GMIF 2019 who have shown their valuable support of the event: Presenting Sponsor T Galleria by DFS; Gold Sponsors Matson, United Airlines, Bank of Guam, KUAM Communications, GTA Teleguam, Heineken, Pacific Islands Club, The Guam Museum, Auto Spot | Sixt and Pepsi Bottling Guam.



“I thank all our sponsors for working closely with us to make GMIF 2019 possible,” Lagunaña added. “We couldn’t have done this for 31 years without the strong support of our community. Our sponsors have contributed in meaningful and valuable ways to this event.”

More information can be found at [visitguam.com](http://visitguam.com) and @visitguam on Facebook, @visitguamusa on Instagram.

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### About the Guam Micronesia Island Fair

Dates: May 29, 2019 - June 2, 2019

Time: Daily from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Wed. – Sat., May 29 – June 1), 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., (Sunday, June 2)

Location: Plaza de España, Historic Hagåtña

For more information: [visitguam.com](http://visitguam.com) and @visitguam on Facebook, @visitguamusa on Instagram

The Guam Micronesia Island Fair is the Guam Visitors Bureau’s annual signature cultural event that has celebrated the vibrant cultures of Micronesia for more than 30 years. Experience firsthand the customs and traditions of Micronesia during this five-day festival that will feature master carvers, blacksmiths, traditional seafarers and navigators, jewelers, weavers, dancers, and musicians. Themed “Celebrating Peace & Friendship in the Pacific”, GVB will welcome delegates and artisans from the Rota, Federated States of Micronesia – Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Yap; The Marshall Islands; and Palau. The event is a family-friendly, free event that welcomes all to attend. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

**2019 Guam Micronesia Island Fair Press Kit: [http://bit.ly/2019GMIF\\_PRESSKIT](http://bit.ly/2019GMIF_PRESSKIT)**

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