



**PACIFIC HEARTBEAT.** *Mele Murals* is the first episode of season six of *Pacific Heartbeat*, an anthology series that provides viewers with a glimpse of the real Pacific — its people, cultures, and contemporary issues. The series, which airs Tuesdays in May at 11:00pm on Oregon Public Broadcasting, features a diverse array of programs that will draw viewers into the heart and soul of Pacific Island culture. (Photo courtesy of Pacific Islanders in Communications)

## Bridging mural-making and indigenous traditions

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an inclusive process posed a steep learning curve, as the process contrasts sharply with the individualistic and competitive nature of writing culture.

The journey of the artists becomes a spiritual awakening on the trek up the slopes of snowy Mauna Kea. Swimming in Wai'Ula'Ula — the place where fresh water from the mountain meets the ocean — is immersion into the enduring indigenous stories that were nearly annihilated by colonization. In the community conversations to bring all ideas together for the mural, the artists also helped catalyze healing from the

community's loss of culture.

In the film, Estria and Prime identify the single most important purpose of their work with the Waimea community: Capturing the true essence of Hawai'i beyond the trite tourist tropes of leis and grass skirts. Director Tadashi Nakamura's *Mele Murals* documents the joys and pains of a collective process to create public art that reflects the ethos of a thriving indigenous community.

*Mele Murals* is airing Tuesday, May 2 at 11:00pm on Oregon Public Broadcasting with a repeat May 4 at 4:00am. The film is also streaming online during the month of May. To learn more, visit <www.piccom.org> and <www.opb.org>.



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### Ever the Land

May 16, 11pm-midnight; repeats May 18, 4-5am; Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch *Ever the Land*, an episode of Pacific Heartbeat exploring the sublime bond between New Zealanders and their land. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

### "A Glimpse of China"

May 20, 10am, Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Learn about Chinese culture through art, music, and movement at "A Glimpse of China: Chinese Culture and Arts Festival." Festival-goers partake in cultural traditions covering 5,000 years of China's history at the event, which features interactive activities, puppet shows, exhibits, gift booths, food, and more. For info, call (206) 684-7200 or visit <www.seattlecenter.com>.

### "Asian and Pacific Islander Day at the Capitol"

May 20, 10am-2pm, Oregon State Capitol (900 Court St NE, Salem, Ore.). Join the fun at "Asian and Pacific Islander Day at the Capitol," a free celebration held in honor of Asian Heritage Month featuring performances, music, demonstrations, exhibits, yoga (12:30pm), and more. Tower tours to the Oregon Pioneer take place at 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, and 1:30pm (weather permitting). Parking meters near the capitol are not enforced on weekends. For info, call (503) 986-1388 or visit <www.oregonlegislature.gov>.

### Unit Souzou

May 21, 3pm, Columbia Center for the Arts (215 Cascade Ave, Hood River, Ore.). Attend a performance by Unit Souzou, an organization that builds creative and imaginative works for the art form of taiko drumming. The concert is preceded by a taiko drumming workshop at 12:30pm. For info, or to buy tickets, call (541) 387-8877 or visit <www.columbiaarts.org>.

### Jake Shimabukuro concert

May 23, 7:30pm, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall (1037 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend an Oregon Symphony concert featuring Jake Shimabukuro, the modern virtuoso of the ukulele. The concert, which is under the direction of Norman Huynh, features Shimabukuro fan favorites plus some of his electrifying originals for ukulele and orchestra. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 228-1353 or visit <www.orsymphony.org>. To learn more, visit <www.jakeshimabukuro.com>.

### "Hafu"

May 23, 8-9pm; repeats May 25, midnight-

1am; Oregon Public Broadcasting Plus (OPB Plus). Watch "Hafu," a show following the lives of five *hafu* — the Japanese term for people who are half Japanese — that examines the intricacies of mixed-race Japanese and their multicultural experience in modern-day Japan. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

### "Chinese Builders of Gold Mountain"

May 23, 9:30-10pm; repeats May 25, 1:30-2am; Oregon Public Broadcasting Plus (OPB Plus). Watch "Chinese Builders of Gold Mountain" to view historic Chinese temples, gold-rush sites, and Chinese-built levies while also recognizing the hard work, courage, and determination of the Chinese pioneers who helped build California. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

### Next Goal Wins

May 24, 11pm-midnight; repeats May 26, 4-5am; Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch *Next Goal Wins*, an episode of Pacific Heartbeat spotlighting American Samoa's soccer squad, which suffered a 0-31 defeat to Australia in 2001 and whose new coach is attempting to turn the ragtag group into a winning team. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982, or visit <www.opb.org> or <www.piccom.org>.

### Refugee Dreams Revisited

May 28, June 11, 17 & 24; May 28, 2pm, North Portland Library (512 N Killingsworth St, Portland); June 11, 4pm, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland); June 17, 4pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland); June 24, 2pm, Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (10301 NE Glisan St, Portland). Watch *Refugee Dreams Revisited*, a performance by local Asian and Pacific Islander youth of true local stories of the sacrifice and resiliency of more than 25 former Vietnamese, Lao, Hmong, Mein, and Cambodian refugees who were interviewed a decade ago for the Crossing East radio series. The performances are followed by a panel discussion with former refugees. For info, call (503) 988-5123, or visit <events.multcolib.org> or <www.mediarites.org>.

### Kalakendra concert

June 2, 7:30pm, First Baptist Church (909 SW 11th Ave, Portland). Attend a concert featuring Hindustani vocalist Ruchira Panda, accompanied by Pt. Arup Chattopadhyay on tabla and Anirban Chakrabarty on harmonium. The performance is presented by Kalakendra. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 308-1050 or visit <www.kalakendra.org>.

### Pagdiriwang

June 3-4, 11am-7pm, Seattle Center (305 Harrison St, Seattle). Attend the annual Pagdiriwang, a celebration of Filipino culture, history, and heritage. The free event includes live performances, cultural displays, hands-on children's activities, and more. For info, call (206) 684-7200, or visit <www.seattlecenter.com> or <www.festaltagdiriwang.com>.

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