



Yabusame Hawaii'i



Yabusame Hawaii'i 2026 Sponsorship Packet

Message from the Executive Committee Chair

Aloha!

Honolulu Foundation is excited to present the sponsorship packet for Yabusame Hawaii 2026, a spectacular event that brings the ancient tradition of horse-mounted archery to Hawaii—just as it was performed in 12th-century Japan. We want the public in Hawaii to be able to attend this event for free, so are seeking sponsors to enable us to offer this experience as widely as possible.

In 2023, we proudly hosted Kiyomoto Ogasawara, the 32nd Master of the Ogasawara-Ryu school of archery, for the highly acclaimed series, “Ogasawara-Ryu: 850 Years of Heritage.” For over 850 years, the Ogasawara family has preserved and taught archery, mounted archery, and court etiquette to samurai and shoguns, serving as a cornerstone of Japanese cultural legacy. Today, in its 32nd generation, Ogasawara-Ryu continues to honor and perpetuate this rich history.

Building on this success, we are thrilled to host Yabusame Hawaii 2026, a rare and extraordinary performance led by Master Kiyomoto Ogasawara himself. This event offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness one of Japan’s most cherished – and exhilarating - cultural traditions. While not all details have been finalized, tentative plans are as follows:

Saturday, June 13th, 2026: Participate in Kamehameha Day Parade

Sunday, June 14th, 2026: Yabusame Performance at Kualoa Ranch

What is Yabusame?

Yabusame is an ancient and sacred Japanese ritual where horse-mounted archers, dressed in traditional attire from historical periods such as Heian, Kamakura, Muromachi, and Edo, gallop along a quarter-mile course while shooting arrows at a series of targets. This captivating display not only embodies the spirit of Bushido—the moral code of the samurai—but also educates audiences and celebrates Japan’s rich cultural heritage.

Master Ogasawara’s performances have mesmerized audiences worldwide. At the 2001 Japan Festival in London, his Yabusame demonstration was attended by both King Charles III and Emperor Naruhito. In Japan, Yabusame is still performed to pray for peace and bountiful harvests.

Hawaii’s connection to Yabusame dates back to 1996, when a then 15-year-old Master Kiyomoto Ogasawara performed at the Honolulu Festival. In 2026—30 years later—he will return to Hawaii to lead this exceptional event. The performance will feature around 15 archers and riders from Japan and mainland USA, along with nearly 60 traditional costumes, creating an awe-inspiring cultural spectacle.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Yabusame Hawaii 2026, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your support. If you have any questions or require further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me at 808-371-0216 or info@honolulufoundation.org.

Mahalo,



Bob Dewitz
Executive Committee Chair



Message from the Hawaii Honorary Chair

Dear Friends:

The rich legacy of Japanese culture has profoundly shaped the spirit and traditions of Hawaii, enriching our way of life in countless ways. Honoring and preserving these values continues to elevate the quality of life within our community.

As the Honorary Chairpersons of **Yabusame in Hawaii 2026**, we are thrilled to announce an extraordinary event: a demonstration of the ancient Japanese art of **Yabusame**—horse-mounted archery. This awe-inspiring tradition was last performed in Hawaii in 2000, making this a rare, once-in-a-generation opportunity to experience one of Japan's most treasured and dynamic martial arts.

Leading this remarkable demonstration will be **Master Kiyomoto Ogasawara**, the 32nd-generation of the Ogasawara family, who have preserved and taught this revered discipline for over 850 years to Japan's emperors, shoguns, and samurai. You'll witness highly skilled archers, clad in historically authentic attire, galloping along a 280-meter course while firing arrows, with precision and grace, at multiple targets.

Yabusame is seldom performed outside of Japan. One of the few exceptions was in London in 2001, attended by the Prince of Wales and Crown Prince Naruhito. **Yabusame in Hawaii 2026** promises to be an unforgettable opportunity to experience this crown jewel of Japanese cultural heritage in an unparalleled setting.

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We encourage your support Yabusame in Hawaii 2026 and will keep you informed as we move forward in bringing this magnificent event to Honolulu.

Aloha,



Governor George Ariyoshi & First lady Jean Ariyoshi
Honorary Chairpersons
Yabusame in Hawaii 2026

Message from the Honorary Chair

Dear Friends,

As Honorary Chairman of ***Yabusame in Hawaii 2026***, I am delighted to draw your attention to this extraordinary demonstration of the traditional and revered Japanese rite of Yabusame — horse-mounted archery.

This event offers a rare and unique opportunity to witness a spectacle seldom seen outside of Japan. Highly skilled archers, clad in historically correct costumes, will race their horses along a 280-meter (about 1000ft) course while shooting longbows at a series of targets. For over 850 years, the Ogasawara family has passed down the discipline of Yabusame; teaching Japan's shoguns, and samurai. Young master Kiyomoto Ogasawara, the 32nd generation of his family to uphold this legacy, will preside over the event.

Yabusame has been performed outside Japan on only a few occasions—most notably in London in 2001 at an event attended by the Prince of Wales and Crown Prince Naruhito. In Honolulu Yabusame was performed as part of the Honolulu Festival in 1996 and 2000. “Yabusame in Hawaii 2026” commemorates the 30th anniversary of the first Yabusame performance in Hawaii and promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience this crown jewel of Japan's cultural heritage.

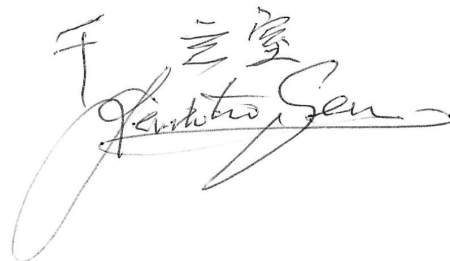
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Warm regards,



Dr. Genshitsu Sen
Honorary Chairman
Yabusame in Hawaii 2026

Message from the Master

Dear Friends in Hawaii:

My name is Kiyomoto Ogasawara, 32nd generation of the master of Ogasawara Ryu, which has more than 830 years of history in Japan. I first came to Hawaii in 1996 to perform first Yabusame, horse-mounted archery, when I was 15 years old. It has passed 30 years already and I am glad to come to perform Yabusame, for the people in Hawaii again.

The culture evolves in the people's wisdom and philosophy of various eras. Among these, I believe that cultures that have been passed down without interruption over a long history contain universal truth that can be applied to any era.

The Ogasawara Family's Yabusame, which will be performed in Hawaii in June, 2026, is a traditional Japanese culture that has been passed down for over 830 years. There are other organizations in Japan that pass down Yabusame ritual, but the significance of Ogasawara Ryu Yabusame is that the family had taught successive generations of Shoguns in various era for more than 8 centuries until Tokugawa Era. There is a unique worldview that conveys the nobility and dignity of a shogun, a person who stands above other people, as well as a sense of bravery.

Seeing Yabusame without having to go to Japan will broaden the viewer's perspective on life and lead to a new sense of value.

We look forward to seeing you in Hawaii in June 2026

Aloha,



Kiyomoto Ogasawara
32nd master of Ogasawara Ryu
Yabusame in Hawaii 2026

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About Honolulu Foundation

Honolulu Foundation, established in 2006 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, was founded by Japanese residents in Hawai'i. Inspired by the cultural contrast they experienced, rediscovering the distinctive beauty and profound value of Japanese culture. Their mission was to share this extraordinary heritage with the people of Hawai'i.

The Foundation curates Japanese cultural events that go beyond the commonly recognized aspects of Japanese tradition, showcasing lesser-known works that delve into the philosophy and values deeply rooted in Japan's millennia-old relationship with nature and its island environment.

By serving as a platform for cultural exchange, Hawai'i—a unique crossroads where East and West converge and diverse ethnicities and cultures coexist—becomes a meeting point for understanding Japan from multiple perspectives. Through these efforts the Foundation seeks to foster greater mutual appreciation and build bridges of understanding between Hawai'i, Japan, and the world.

Brief History of Honolulu Foundation

2006 First Lecture “**Finding your Inner Power: Lessons from Tempu Nakamura**” by Ryohei Kamiwatari, Author at East West Center at the University of Hawaii

2007 Hawai'i Premiere of the Documentary Film “Gaia Symphony No. 3” Featuring Director Jin Tatsumura and **Ninoa Thomson**.

2011 “Bonds of Love With the Dying: Thinking About Death From Both Sides” by **Dr. Hideko Suzuki**

2012 Published first English translation of “**Nihon Seishin no Kenkyu**” (**The Japanese Ethos**), by **Masahiro Yasuoka**. Published by the University of Hawaii Press.

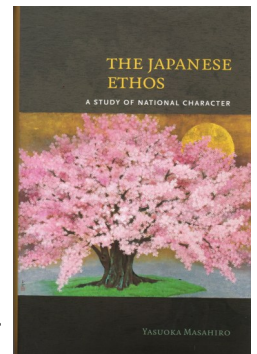
2013 “Emotive Brain: Conversations With a Brain Scientist” • by **Dr. Kenichiro Mogi**

2014 “The Heart of a Lifelong Novice” • lecture by **Ryojun Shionuma, Great Abbot**, at the Hawaii Tokai University.

2015 “**The Eternal Zero**” – Hawaii Premiere Screening at the University of Hawaii, with **Producer Shuji Abe**. Peace Concert aboard the **Battleship Missouri at Pearl Harbor**, as the **70th anniversary** commemoration of the end of World War II.

2023 “Ogasawara-ryu: 850 Years of Samurai Heritage” at the Hyatt Regency Hotel by 32nd generation of Ogasawara Family, Kiyomoto Ogasawara.

2024 “**The World of the Tale of Genji**: Demonstration of Jyuni Hitoe” , Kimono worn by Noble Women and Ladies-in-Waiting at the Imperial Court of Medieval Japan was demonstration by Emiko Yorimasa,



Sponsorship Recognition & Benefits

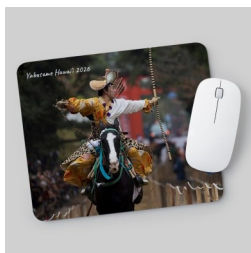
Shogun (将軍)	\$10,000-	Full page ad in the Program, 8 special seats for Yabusame event, one premium table (8 seats) for a reception
Tairo (大老)	\$ 5,000-	Half page ad in Program, 4 special seats for Yabusame, 4 premium seats for reception
Roju (老中)	\$ 3,000-	1/4 page ad in Program, 4 seats for Yabusame, 4 seats for reception
Karo (家老)	\$ 1,000-	One premium seat for Yabusame, one premium seat for reception, and Yabusame Hawai'i Sport-Tek® Posi-UV™ Pro Polo-shirt, available while supplies last.
Hatamoto(旗本)	\$ 500-	One seat for Yabusame event and one reception ticket.
Gokenin(御家人)	\$ 350-	One seat for Yabusame event and Hawai'i Sport-Tek® Posi-UV™ Pro Polo-shirt, available while supplies last.
Gokenin(御家人)	\$ 300-	One seat for Yabusame event
Gokenin(御家人)	\$ 200-	One Yabusame Hawai'i Sport-Tek® Posi-UV™ Pro T-shirt available while supplies last.
Gokenin(御家人)	\$ 100-	One Limited-Edition Yabusame Hawai'i mousepad while supplies last.

Program Advertisement

A	\$ 150	W:3.5" X H:1.0	1/12 page	File formats accepted: PDF, JPEG, EPS, or TIFF
B	\$ 280	W:3.5" X H:2.0	1/6 page	
C	\$ 500	W:3.5" X H:4.5	1/4 page	
D	\$ 800	W:7.0" X H:4.5	half page	
E	\$ 1500	W:7.0" X H:9.5	full page	

Limited Edition Souvenirs

<u>\$20+5 Shipping</u>	One Limited-Edition Yabusame Hawai'i mousepad
<u>\$30+5 Shipping</u>	One Yabusame Hawai'i Sport-Tek® Posi-UV™ Pro T-shirt
<u>\$50+5 Shipping</u>	One Yabusame Hawai'i Sport-Tek® Posi-UV™ Pro Polo-shirt



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Sponsorship Reply Form

Yes, we want to be a sponsor of Yabusame Hawai'i

Company/Donor's Name: _____

Address: Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

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Sponsorship Levels

Please Circle which level you would like to donate.

Shogun (将軍)	\$10,000-
Tairo (大老)	\$ 5,000-
Raju (老中)	\$ 3,000-
Karo (家老)	\$ 1,000-
Hatamoto(旗本)	\$ 500-
Gokenin(御家人)	\$ 350-
	\$ 300-
	\$ 200-
	\$ 100-

Program Advertisement

	Price	Total
1/12 page Ad	\$ 150	
1/6 page Ad	\$ 280	
1/4 page Ad	\$ 500	
half page Ad	\$ 800	
full page Ad	\$ 1500	

Limited Edition Souvenirs

Souvenir	Price	Amount	Shipping	Total
Mousepad	\$20		+\$5	
T-shirt	\$30		+\$5	
Polo Shirt	\$50		+\$5	

Total Donation of \$ _____

If your benefit includes the T/Polo shirt, please specify the size :**S, M L, XL, 2L**

Please make a check payable to : Honolulu Foundation Yabusame Fund

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