

ROYAL
HAWAIIAN
BAND

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- Founded in 1836 by King Kamehameha III
- Only Band in the United States with a Royal Legacy
- Continues to promote and foster music both current and historic to preserve the Hawaiian culture, inspire young musicians and ultimately enrich the lives of the people and visitors of Hawai'i
- Every concert we witness the impact of the band – traditional, cultural, educational, adult care centers
- The band is as relevant today as in the days of the monarchy.
- Mayor: “The RHB is the heartbeat of the city”
- Way for the city to go out to the community and serve in a positive, supportive, encouraging and uplifting way.
- Community can view the city not only as a government agency but as an impacting artistic, service organization

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Powers, Duties and Functions

The Royal Hawaiian Band serves as the official band of the City and County of Honolulu. It has the distinction of being the only full-time municipal band in the nation, and the only band in the United States established by a royal kingdom. The band represents the City and County of Honolulu at public events and provides a wide variety of music for the educational and cultural needs of the community. Due to its cultural heritage, the band endeavors to maintain its observance of and its participation in all events that were established during the Hawaiian monarchy era.

The Royal Hawaiian Band is made up of 40 full-time positions and functions as a concert band, a marching band, and a glee club ensemble. The administrative and operational affairs of the band are handled by the bandmaster, assistant administrator, brass supervisor, woodwind supervisor, glee club leader, assistant conductor, drum major, librarian-in-charge, assistant librarian, field coordinator, and senior clerk-typist. With the exception of the bandmaster and the senior clerk-typist, all the positions listed are dual positions – they are musicians in the band in addition to executing their administrative and staff responsibilities.

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Mission

The mission of the Royal Hawaiian Band is to promote and foster music, preserve the Hawaiian musical culture, inspire young musicians, and enrich the lives of the people of Hawaii.

The mission is accomplished mainly through performances at parades, weekly concerts at Iolani Palace and Kapiolani Bandstand, other performances at Shopping Centers, Schools, Hospitals, Care Facilities, Nursing Homes, Community and Cultural Events, and other Governmental functions. FYI, the Royal Hawaiian Band performed 357 concerts in FY14 and 372 in the just concluded FY15.

