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ORI TAHITI NUI COMPETITIONS

6th edition

Organised by the Ori Tahiti Nui association

NOVEMBER 25TH AND 26TH 2017
AT LE MÉRIDIEN TAHITI HOTEL

Created in 2012 by Tumata ROBINSON and Manouche LEHARTEL, the ‘Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions’ is open to International and French Polynesian dancers, competing solo or as part of dance schools.

TYPE OF EVENT:
TAHITIAN DANCE COMPETITION
The ‘Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions’ promotes the conservation, development, promotion and awareness of all aspects of Polynesian culture throughout Polynesia and the world, especially dance, music and traditional crafts.

The ‘Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions’ has grown since 2012. The first edition was focused on soloists performing ‘ote’a. The 2nd edition added Mehura competition with groups of 5 dancers. The 3rd edition included ‘Ote’a for duos. During the 4th edition, the best female dancers took part of the first Ori Tahiti World Championship. In 2015, solos female and male dancers were involved in the World Championship. For this 6th edition, an ‘ote’a competition for groups of 5 artists is created.

**CONTEST DESCRIPTION**

For 2017, the ‘Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions includes the following:
- Solo (men/women/kids)
- Duo
- Mehura (slow aparima) groups of 5 dancers (men/women/mixed)
- ‘Ote’a by groups of 5 dancers (men/women/mixed)
- The 3rd edition of the ‘Ori Tahiti Nui World Championship

**SOLO**: (drums duration: 1m30 (Juniors) and 2 min (Adults)).

**Junior or Tama category**
Hine Tamahou & Tamahou: 6 – 8 yrs
Tamahine & Tamaaroa: 9 – 11 yrs
Hine Taure’a & Tama Taure’a: 12 – 15 yrs

**Adults or ‘Arioi category**
Toa: 16 – 23 yrs
‘Aito: 24 – 31 yrs
Hiva: 32 – 40 yrs
Feti’a: 40 yrs and more

**DUO**: Contestants must be at least 16 years old. Performance last between 2-3 min.

**MEHURA**: Two categories are open to groups of 5 dancers (vahine, tane or mixed). One for the dance schools that have been running for at least 14 years and the other one, for confirmed groups that have been performing for at least 16 years. Groups must perform a slow song of 3 to 4 min.

**‘OTE’A**: Two categories are open to groups of 5 dancers (vahine, tane or mixed). One for the dance schools that have been running for at least 14 years and the other one, for confirmed groups that have been performing for at least 16 years. Groups must dance to drums sessions of 3 to 4 min.
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PREVIOUS EDITION (2016)

‘Ori Tahiti Nui World Championship Jury
Hirohiti Tematahotoa – Jean-Marie Biret –
Makau Foster – Teraurii Piritua – Coco Tirao –
Tiare Trompette – Mateata Legayic – Tiana
Liufau (international judge)

‘Ori Tahiti Nui Duo Competition
The third edition of this event showed grace,
emotion and creativity in choreography and
costume research which gave the chance to 4
duos to challenge each other through 4 dance
shows.

‘Ori Tahiti Nui Mehura Competition
The fourth edition showed that the Mehura (or
slow ‘aparima) category was popular, as 70
dancers from 14 groups took part. Among them,
4 groups coming from overseas: 1 from Japan,
2 from Noumea and 1 from Paris.
They all performed original choreography
based on a song they selected from a playlist
compiled by the organization.

A prestigious panel, made up of ‘Ori Tahiti
specialists, selected among confirmed young
talents and heads of dance schools, or lead-
ers of dance groups and an international judge.

WINNERS OF THE
2016 ‘ORI TAHITI NUI
COMPETITIONS

‘Arioi Tane : Yvonnick DAHLAN from
Nouméa also winner of ‘Aito Tane
‘Arioi Vahine : Matatini MOU also winner of
the Toa Vahine

Winners of 2016 MEHURA
1st price professional : O TAHITI NUI (Paris)
Favourite : TAVAKE REREATA (Japon)
1st price dance school category : Heirani
de Véronique Clément

Winners of duo’s competition :
Pauline SILLINGER and Terehe TETUAITEROI
de Tamariki Poerani

Winners of 2016 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
Vahine :
• 1st price : Lehia MAMA, 2nd best dancer of
  2014 Heiva I Tahiti
• 2nd price : Tahia CAMBET from O Tahiti Nui
  (Paris)
• 3rd price : Tauhere SANFORD from Hiti-
  reva

Tane :
• 1st price : Tommy TIHONI, best dancer of
  2016 Heiva I Tahiti
• 2nd price : Kekaimana KAHOOHANOHA–
  NO de Nonosina Anaheim
• 3rd price : Anastase RAGIVARU

Photo : Grégory Boissy
IN THE MORNING
Registration and access to the competition for the Junior or Tama category starts from 7am to 8am on November 25th. The competition starts at 8.30am. The award ceremony is held after the finals. (Registration from 8.30am to 9am for the Taure’a, competition starts at about 9.30)

IN THE AFTERNOON
The Mehura competition (in groups of 5 females, males or mixed artists) will start at 2pm and feature ‘Ote’a performances and by couples. The Mehura, Duo and ‘Ote’a competitions will be followed by the award ceremony at 5:30pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

IN THE MORNING
For Adult or ‘Arioi, registration and access to the competition starts from 7am to 8am on November 26th. The competition starts at 8:30am. The award ceremony is held after the finals.

IN THE AFTERNOON
Winners of the Toa, ‘Aito & Hiva of the adult section or ‘Arioi categories will participate at the « Grand Prix ‘Arioi » of the ‘ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITION – 2017 which take place at the opening ceremony of the ‘ORI TAHITI NUI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 gala, at 6.30pm at Le Méridien Tahiti Hotel. The first 3 winners by gender (Vahine/Tane) will be challenging during a group performance in front of a jury which will define the « Grand Prix ‘Arioi Vahine » and « Grand Prix ‘Arioi Tane ».

2017 ORI TAHITI NUI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

During the gala evening, competitor running for the first place of the ORI TAHITI WORLD CHAMPIONS will present their dance show. This 3rd edition of the Ori Tahiti World Championship is for the best females and males dancers of ‘Ori Tahiti from all around the world who meet the following conditions: be between 18–35 years old and have won a local or international competition or Heiva.

The Championship welcomes the winners of the Heiva i Tokyo, Heiva i Fukuoka, Heiva i Osaka, Heiva i Paris, San José Tahiti Fête, Heiva i Honolulu, Heiva i Mexico, Arioi Competition in Guadalajara, Te Ori Here of Santa Ana and Hura Tahiti Southern California.

The competition has 2 distinct categories:

VAHINE
• 1st : Mehura (2 min instrumentals)
• 2nd : ‘Ote’a (2 min live drumming)

Competitors perform in 2 costumes: a “mehura” and a “solo” outfit.

TANE
• 1st : ‘Ote’a (2 min live drumming)
• 2nd : ‘Aparima tane or ‘ori toa / haka (warrior dance) (1min30 to 2min)

Competitors perform in 2 costumes: a solo one and a warrior theme based one.

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**REGISTRATION**

Contestants can preregister via email at:
tumata.robinson@mail.pf or manouche@mail.pf

**IMPORTANT**

Registration deadline is November 18th, 2017.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

(dollar amount depends on currency exchange rate)

‘**ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITION**

$25 US per person (2 500 XPF). This allows competition in one of the open categories.

‘**ORI TAHITI NUI DUO COMPETITION**

$40 US per couple (4 000 XPF).

‘**ORI TAHITI NUI MEHURA ou ‘OTE’A COMPETITION**

$100 US per group (10 000 XPF).

3rd edition of the ‘**ORI TAHITI NUI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

No registration fees for this competition.

**AWARDS**

Prizes awarded for different categories: airplane tickets offered by Air Tahiti Nui, prize money, medals and surprise gifts.

**SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Entertainment and an artisanal village will enhance the event.
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EVENT PHOTOS

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