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‘Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions has grown since 2012. The first edition focused on soloists performing ‘ote’a. The 2nd edition added mehura with groups of 5 dancers. The 3rd edition included ‘ote’a for duos and couples.

Contest descriptions

For 2015, ‘Ori Tahiti Nui Competitions includes the following:

- Individual or solo
  (men/women)
- Duo or couples
- Mehura (slow aparima)
  groups of 5 dancers
  (men/women/mixed)

Categories

Solo:
- (drum duration: 1m15 - 1m30 (Juniors); 2 min (Adults)).

Juniors or Tama category (boys/Tamaroa & girls/Tamahine):
- ‘Aiu 6 - 8 yrs
- Tamaiti 9 - 11 yrs
- Taure’a 12 - 15 yrs

Adults or ‘Arioi:
- Toa 16 - 21 yrs
- ‘Aito 22 - 27 yrs
- Hiva 28 - 35 yrs
- Feti’a 36 - 45 yrs

Duo:
- Contestants must be at least 16 years old. Performances are between 2-3 mins.

Mehura: Open to groups of 5 dancers over 16 years old (vahine, tane or mixed). Groups must perform a slow song lasting 3m30 - 5m30.
PREVIOUS EDITIONS

2014

‘Ori Tahiti Nui Solo Competition (200 soloists : male, female and diverse nationalities) :

• 120 Juniors / Tama competed in different categories.
• 80 Adults / ‘Arioi participated in 8 categories.

The exceptional jury of ‘ori tahiti specialists are among the best recognized dancers and directors of dance schools and companies:

Moena Maiotui from Tahiti Ora, best female dancer, Heiva i Tahiti 2011
Kohai Batani Gournac from Tamariki Poerani, best novice dancer, Heiva i Tahiti 1996
Teruria Taimana, Gold Medalist, Conservatoire Artistique de Polynésie française
Teraurii Piritua, director of the ‘Ori i Tahiti troupe and A ‘Ori Mai school of dance
Tuarii Tracqui, Gold Medalist, Conservatoire Artistique de Polynésie française; best male dancer Heiva i Tahiti 2012
Hirohiti Tematahotoa, director of the Hanatika troupe and Heiva dance school
Tiana Liufau, director of the troupe and dance school Nonosina, Anaheim, Los Angeles

‘Ori Tahiti Nui Duo Competition
The first edition of this event showed grace, emotion and creativity in choreography and costume research with 18 exceptional dancers performing 9 dances.

‘Ori Tahiti Nui Mehura Competition
The 2nd edition showed that the Mehura category was popular since 18 groups took part. They all performed original choreography based on a song they selected from a repertory list compiled by the organization.

A prestigious jury of 5 key experts in ‘ori tahiti, troupe directors or teachers in renowned dance schools:

Makau Foster, director of Tamariki Poerani dance troupe and school of dance
Marguerite Lai, director of O Tahiti E dance troupe
Véronique Clément, director of Heirani school of dance
Matani Kainuku, director of Nonahere dance troupe and school of dance
Victor Teriitahi from Tahiti Ora dance troupe

Winners of the 2014 ‘Ori Tahiti Nui Competition
‘Arioi Tane : JAMET Taero, also winner of the ‘Aito Tane ;
‘Arioi Vahine : PINEDA Shanna, from the San Francisco troupe Te pura o te Rahuraa, also winner of the Toa Vahine category.

Duo : TCHEN Mira and TEPOU Faia

Mehura : 1st prize, Te Pura O te Rahuraa from San Francisco.
2015 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (MORNING), MATISSE ROOM:
Junior Tama 8:00am – 12:30pm followed by awards for the top 3 dancers and the most beautiful costumes.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (AFTERNOON), MATISSE ROOM:
Mehura (groups of five, male or female or mixed). 2:30pm (awards around 5:00pm).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (MORNING), MATISSE ROOM:
Adults ‘Arioi 8:30am – 12:30pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (AFTERNOON), MATISSE ROOM:
Duo 2:30pm – 4:30pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (EVENING), GALA EVENING:
Buffet: 7:00pm.
After a successful 3 editions, in 2015 ‘Ori Tahiti Nui will host the first ‘Ori Tahiti World Championships.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30: 5:00PM – 8:00PM:
The 1st Annual ‘Ori Tahiti World Championships are open to dancers 18-35 who have already won a local or international Heiva competition. The 2015 winners of Heiva i Tokyo, Heiva i Paris, San José Tahiti Fête, Heiva i Honolulu, Heiva i Mexico, Guadalajara ‘Arioi Competition de Guadalajara have been specially invited by Air Tahiti Nui to compete in the 1st Annual ‘Ori Tahiti World Championships.

The competition has 2 distinct categories:
1st - mehura (2 min instrumentals)
2nd - ‘ote’a (2 min live drumming)
Contestants wear mehura and solo costumes.

The jury comprised of directors of renowned troupes will determine the ‘Ori Tahiti World Champion.
REGISTRATION

Contestants can preregister via:

oritahitinui@gmail.com or tumata.robinson@mail.pf or manouche@mail.pf

IMPORTANT : Registration deadline is November 15, 2015.

Registration fees (dollar amount depends on currency exchange rates):

‘ORI TAHITI NUI SOLO COMPETITION
US $23 per person (2 500 XPF). This allows competition in one of the open categories.

‘ORI TAHITI NUI DUO COMPETITION
US $37 per couple (4 000 XPF).

‘ORI TAHITI NUI MEHURA COMPETITION
US $91 per group (10 000 XPF).

1st ‘ORI TAHITI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
No registration fees for this competition.

AWARDS

Prizes awarded for different categories: plane 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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