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International Children's Festival
4022 Hummer Road
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Aloha Artistic Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Halau Hula O Mililani, who is applying to your organization for the International Children's Festival for the year 1995.

I am the director of the Kalihi-Palama Culture & Arts Society, Inc., a private non-profit community-based organization. Every year since 1976, our agency has been sponsoring the Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition, a festival established for children to demonstrate their achievements in the traditional art of hula.

We have had the privilege of knowing the Halau Hula O Mililani and their hula instructor, Ms. Mililani Allen for over 10 years. Respected in the hula world, the Halau Hula O Mililani has participated in our children's hula festival several times during the past eighteen years.

Located in a predominately Hawaiian community, the Halau Hula O Mililani is not a professional group but a hula school with children coming from different social and economical backgrounds. The students learn the Hawaiian language, cultural traditions and crafts as well as ancient and contemporary hula. I feel that her well-disciplined students will be an asset to your program and that they will take pride in sharing their culture with the people attending the International Children's Festival.

I wholeheartedly recommend your consideration in inviting the Halau Hula O Mililani to your festival.

Sincerely,

Jan M. Itagaki
Executive Director

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