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Dancing the scary night away



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Ghosts, goblins and scary things that go bump in the night. It's Halloween!

The history of Halloween goes back hundreds of years to Celtic and Christian traditions, with religious and often dark overtones. However today, it is largely a secular holiday with scores of giddy and excited young children going house to house, dressed in masks and costumes, collecting candies and other delicious treats.

Adults too get into the spirit of the annual seasonal holiday by dressing up in costumes for themed parties of their own.

In that spirit, Friends of Ala Wai will host a Halloween dance at the Palladium on Saturday, October 31. Because the event falls right on Halloween this year, we anticipate a lot of dancers will be dressed "to the nines" in their favorite costumes and masks.

As incentives, we will be giving

away cash prizes for the scariest, funniest and most original costumes, and all are invited to participate in the colorful contest.

As always, Dance Director Michael Yap will provide some of the best music heard at the Palladium for all of the ghosts and goblins to dance the night away—or at least until 9:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3 at the door and the dancing and hob goblining start at 6:30 p.m.

For most of us, Halloween ushers in the start of the busy holiday season and a headlong rush to Thanksgiving and, my personal favorite time of the year, Christmas. Where did the year go? Before we know it, it will be the New Year, with 2010 kicking off the second decade of the 21st century.

But before the rest of the year disappears, I would like to thank all of you for supporting Friends of Ala Wai this past year.

Take care and enjoy the holidays.

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