



## Public Service Announcement

### *42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete*

(Tahitian Dance and Cultural Festival)  
Golden Valley High School – March 17, 18, 19, 2023



*The Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete* is the longest existing, annually held, Tahitian dance and cultural festival outside of French Polynesia and we are celebrating our 42<sup>nd</sup> year! Come to the event to enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of Tahiti. Our event features a dance competition with people entering from all ranges and performing to live musicians and drums. **Island Style food** will also be available throughout the weekend as well as **Polynesian craft booths** straight from Hawaii and the Polynesian diaspora of California.

Friday's events begin at 5pm and end at 10pm. They will showcase dance presentations called *Ahuroa*, which is a synchronized dance performed by elegantly dressed women to a sung Tahitian narrative, often composed in waltz time. The *Masters* and *Grand Masters* categories will also be competing. The evening is completed by the *Maeva Merced Pageant*, where beautiful young men and women and children contend for the *Maeva* title and to represent the festivities.

On Saturday, beginning at 9am, *Solo* dancers will compete in both eliminations and finals, with ages ranging from 4 to adult. Categories will be in both beginners and professional, with both men and women competing. During lunch, there will be a "*Tamari'i Exhibition*", showcasing tiny dancers that are too young to compete, but still love to dance in costume and have fun! Then the *Group Drumming* competition, composed of the most accomplished Tahitian Drumming groups in our area will take the stage.

Sunday morning will feature the first-place winners of the professional soloists who will compete for the *Overall Vahine* (female) and *Tane* (male) "*Best Dancer Awards.*" Also, *Couples* will take the stage to perform a choreographed duet that highlights their colorful regalia as well as dancing ability. The afternoon continues with *Tamari'i* (children), *Amateur and Professional groups* demonstrating their skills in the marvelous '*Ote'a* drum dances and the lively *Aparima* of Tahiti Nui!

The festivities will be held at Golden Valley High School, located at 2121 E. Childs Ave, in Merced, California.

### **Ticket Information**

Ages 13 thru Adult

Sat/Sun \$25 advanced; \$30 at door

Fri \$20 advanced; \$25 at door

Child 5 thru 12yrs

\$15 advanced sale

\$20 at the door

Tickets are limited.

For more info, leave a message at 209 383-1435 or go to [www.kikiraina.com](http://www.kikiraina.com).