



Public Service Announcement

43rd Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete

(Tahitian Dance and Cultural Festival)
Golden Valley High School – March 22, 23, 24 2024



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 43rd 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 *Aburoa*, 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 solo* categories will also be competing. The evening is completed by the *Maeva Merced Pageant*, where young men, 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

\$25 advanced

\$30 at door

Child 5 thru 12yrs

\$20 advanced sale

\$25 at the door

Tickets are limited.

For more info, leave a message at 209 383-1435 or go to www.kikiraina.com.