

GENERAL INFORMATION – MAEVA MERCED PAGEANT

- REGISTRATION DEADLINE** Registration postmark should be by February 18, 2022
- Make cashier’s checks or money orders payable to:  
SPDC Tel. (209) 383-1435  
c/o KIKI RAINA Fax (209) 381-7834  
453 N. Gurr Road  
Merced, CA 95341
- BACKGROUND** Before the Heiva I Tahiti festivities begin every year, each district of Tahiti et ses Iles sponsors a young lady and man to represent them in the Vahine Tahiti / Tane Tahiti Pageant. The winners reign over the Heiva I Tahiti celebrations and bring attention and pride to their community.
- Our pageant also includes Maeva Iti category for 4 to 7 year-olds. The Maeva Merced pageant will be held on the Friday of our fete. The contestants selected will best represent the goals and spirit of the Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete and Polynesian community.
- PRESENTATION CONTENTS** This will be divided into three (3) phases. For the first, contestants will be introduced to the judges and audience on stage in formal attire. The second will involve modeling their costumes. The final phase will be an interview.
- PERFORMANCE DATE** Maeva Merced will be awarded on Friday, March 18, 2022.
- CHECK IN** Each contestant must check-in between 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm on Friday in order to gain free entry into the event. One hour before the pageant, all contestants must check in backstage with the pageant director and will be issued their contestant number. Contestants must be dressed and ready to go onstage.
- DUTIES** Vahine, Tane and Iti winners are expected to attend the competition all three days and assist with festival activities and return the following year to “crown” the new winners. Past winners are also invited back to help with the pageant and the rest of the event.
- Maeva winners may be expected to represent Kiki Raina in parades and at different functions. An \$80.00 per diem, as well as transportation expenses, will be provided for appearances other than the fete weekend.

Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete 2022

**CATEGORIES**

Miss Maeva Merced	One Winner
Mr. Maeva Merced	One Winner
Maeva Iti Merced	One Winner
Costume	One Winner
Most Photogenic (Optional)	One Winner

**GOALS AND SPIRIT**

1. To encourage the participation of members of the Polynesian community and the Polynesian at heart in brotherhood, respect, and cooperation.
2. To develop talent, self-confidence, and knowledge in the participants of the festival.
3. To educate the public about the culture and beauty of Polynesia.

**AWARDS**

**Miss/Mr. Maeva will receive:**

Trophy  
Banner  
Tahitian Mother of Pearl Pendant  
Tahiti Fete T-Shirt and program  
\$150 cash award  
Per diem for future appearances

**Maeva Iti will receive:**

Trophy  
Banner  
Tahitian Mother of Pearl Pendant  
Tahiti Fete T-Shirt and program  
\$100 cash award  
Per diem for future appearances

**Costume winner will receive:**

Trophy  
Tahitian pendant  
Tahiti Fete T-Shirt and program  
Assorted costume materials  
\$50 cash award

**Most Photogenic will receive:**

Trophy  
Tahitian pendant  
Tahiti Fete T-Shirt and program  
\$50 cash award

**SPONSORSHIP**

For those who need to fundraise in order to enter the pageant, we highly encourage sponsorship by advertisement. The participant will receive 25% credit for ads placed for them on memory pages or placed by them for commercial ads in the event program. Contact Joanna Blakeman ASAP at [jblakeman84@gmail.com](mailto:jblakeman84@gmail.com) if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – MAEVA MERCED PAGEANT

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

Contestants between 16-24 years of age.  
Contestants must be unmarried with no children.  
Maeva Iti contestants (female and male) 4-7 years of age  
No more than 3 contestants per organization.

**2. ENTRY FORM**

To become a contestant, one must first fill out an entry form and return it with the entry fee by the required deadline (see entry form).

**3. COSTUME**

The traditional costume category is MANDATORY, so all contestants should come prepared with a separate costume. Costume contestants must provide the pageant director with a typed description of their costume that the MC may read aloud during the pageant as the contestant models/displays the costume. (For example, describe materials used, the inspiration, symbolism, etc.).

Costumes must be made of natural materials such as but not limited to: ti leaves, shell/mother of pearl, feathers, fabric/tapa etc. SILK OR PLASTIC FLOWERS ARE PROHIBITED.

*If you are performing in the Ahuroa Category on Friday as well, please notify the Pageant Director as soon as possible.*

**4. PHOTOGRAPHS**

A 4" x 6" headshot with a plain background is required with your entry/registration and fees. Your photo will be used in the pageant section of the program and for the contestant picture display. Photos must be sent to [jblakeman84@gmail.com](mailto:jblakeman84@gmail.com) by February 18, 2022

If you are entered in the photogenic category, you must provide an additional, professional 8"x10" printed photo to the pageant director to be given to the judges for scoring. Only original photographs are eligible.

**5. ENTRY FEES**

An entry fee must accompany the application form.

Miss/Mr. Maeva Merced	\$100
Maeva Iti Merced	\$75
Photogenic (optional)	\$25

\*\*Parents and Family of competitors must purchase their own tickets.

**6. COMMUNICATION WITH JUDGES**

Contestants are not permitted to speak to or otherwise communicate with the judges about performers on their presentations before or during the competition until after the awards are announced on Sunday evening.

**7. RULE INFRACTIONS**

Any infractions of the rules will result in a point penalty.

**REGISTRATION – MAEVA MERCED PAGEANT**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

DANCE GROUP / DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

BIOGRAPHY: Contestants will introduce themselves on stage with a short greeting.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ T-SHIRT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_

AMBITION / CAREER GOALS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

TALENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS SOMETHING UNIQUE ABOUT YOU? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEES**

	Amount
Miss/Mr. Maeva Merced	\$100 _____
Maeva Iti Merced	\$75 _____
Photogenic (optional)	\$25 _____

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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For Office use only:

Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Form of payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_