

Dance Experience In Kāne'ōhe Focuses On Shared Humanity, Building Future

Highlighting creative expression, the nonprofit company Dancers Unlimited held an event titled Edible Tales on Nov. 20 at KEY Project in Kāne'ōhe.

It was designed as an immersive dance experience, which was paired with the premiere of a documentary of the same name. Food and refreshments were provided by Waiāhole Poi Factory.

"Edible Tales is inspired by our community, and guided by our individual and collective experiences. It's an ode to our shared humanity and an opportunity to build a better future for the future generations," states Linda Kuo, co-artistic director of Dancers Unlimited.

The event was centered around themes of cultural



Dancers Unlimited members perform Edible Tales on Nov. 20 at KEY Project. PHOTO COURTESY DANCERS UNLIMITED

heritage, social justice and sustainability and their relationship to food culture with the intention to inform, inspire and uplift the community. Attendees were

active participants in the dance. They got to interact and lead their own interpretations and perspectives to the experience.

Edible Tales is the cul-

mination of more than two years of collaboration between Dancers Unlimited's communities in New York City and Hawai'i, as well as ongoing conversations with elders and those whose work revolves around the land. The performance was made possible with the support of KEY Project, Hawai'i Council for the Humanities SHARP Grant Na-

tional Endowment for the Humanities, Waiwai Collective and Women's Sports Foundation Wellness For All grant.

Dancers Unlimited was originally established in 2009 as a free youth dance program in Honolulu, and has grown into a bi-coastal nonprofit based both in Hawai'i and New York City. Kuo is an established

choreographer born in Taiwan and raised in Hawai'i. She notes her upbringing allowed her to be surrounded by cultural diversity and performing arts including dancing the hula.

For more information about Edible Tales, go to dunyc-hi.com/edible-tales, and to learn about Dancers Unlimited, visit dunyc-hi.com.

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