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## Cirque Polynesia opens at Kaanapali's Hyatt Regency Maui

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Beginning June 2, guests of the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa, and anyone willing to make a trip to the Kaanapali Beach resort on the Valley Isle's west side, can enjoy an extraordinary, 75-minute performance by an internationally acclaimed troupe of "cirque" artists.

The Cirque Polynesia show is "a unique evolution of the modern-day, cirque-style shows," said Cornell Nicholas, the show's producer. "It is an abstract, contemporary interpretation of the cirque and Polynesian worlds coming together, a combination of artistry and human ability that provides an entertainment experience that is inspiring and moving."

Nicholas has produced a number of similar shows, including Cirque at the Apollo, a variety of touring circuses and Cirque Hawaii, which ran for three years at the IMAX theater in Waikiki before closing in December.

While Cirque Polynesia features an impressive cast hailing from Hawaii, Germany, Russia, Brazil, Kazakhstan and Moldova, the biggest names in the performance are certainly Reitta and Lyric Wallenda, who are sixth- and seventh-generation members of the legendary high-wire Wallenda family. The mother-daughter duo performs one of the show's most astonishing aerial acts. Known simply as "the perch," the move involves "daughter Lyric hanging by one ankle while twirling mother Reitta like a helicopter blade high above the audience."

With acrobats, illusionists, a 19-year-old contortionist, live music, a laugh-out-loud interactive "Polynesian warm-up" and more, the show is suitable for visitors and residents of all ages.

"We're all extremely excited about the opening of Cirque Polynesia to provide our guests, and everyone visiting Maui, a unique and memorable experience," said Michael Jokovich, general manager of the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa. "Our guests expect nothing but excellence, which is why we chose Cirque Polynesia as the show to provide as their nightly entertainment option."

Scheduled to run six evenings a week, with doors opening to the Monarchy Ballroom venue a half hour before the 7 p.m. curtain, Cirque Polynesia packages for adults start at \$67.50 and \$47.25 for kids 12 and under. Dinner and show specials start at \$116 for each adult and \$59.30 for children under 12.

Visit [www.cirquepolynesia.com](http://www.cirquepolynesia.com) (<http://www.cirquepolynesia.com>) or call (808) 667-4540 for details.



*Reitta and Lyric Wallenda, two of the performers in Cirque Polynesia at the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa.*

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