



COOK LIKE A STAR



RING OF FIRE (JAY MATAELE)

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CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF "RING OF FIRE"

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TALENT: LUAU DANCE

ABOUT

- Jay Mataele was born and raised in Hawaii and has cultivated over 20 years' professional experience in authentic Polynesian dance and fire knife performance. Throughout the years he has had the enriching opportunities of living in Tonga, California, Utah, North Carolina, and Virginia and has traveled abroad to other nations such as Japan and Tahiti to share Hawaii's unique Aloha spirit around the globe. He is also the owner of a roofing company that works to help restore homes damaged in the recent Maui wildfires.
- In 2011, Jay founded Ring Of Fire Island Productions and opened a Polynesian dinner show in the busiest tourism district of Waikiki, producing two shows per night, seven nights per week (and now over 700 shows per year). Receiving constant requests for private events, Jay realized an opportunity to fulfill a need in Destination Event Management. In 2017, Jay led Ring Of Fire to become Hawaii's highest-ranked company for private Polynesian entertainment.
- With a passion for teaching and entertaining, Jay's focus in the Hospitality and Tourism industries has always been to produce a show that provides a truly authentic experience of island culture. Jay has worked with some of the most influential leaders in Polynesian entertainment while performing at various shows such as the well-known Magic of Polynesia, Kalo's South Seas Revue, and a ten-year employment at the world-famous Polynesian Cultural Center.
- For their performance, Jay will bring a crew of 15, which includes chefs Cap and Crese, as well as assorted drummers, singers, and dancers, both men and women. The crew will perform a piece called "The Coconut Dance," demonstrating how to remove the husk from a coconut and utilize it to start a fire for roasting a pig. In addition to the dance, the chefs will demonstrate to the judges how to extract the delicious milk and meat from the coconut. Throughout the performance, the troupe will play music and dance in an authentic Polynesian style.

