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VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES
MEMORIAL PARK

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Valley of the Temples Celebrates Completion of New Development with Storytelling Festival

Storytellers and island favorites, Alton Chung, Jeff Gere and Kathy Collins, will headline weekend entertainment at grand opening event on March 28 & 29

KANEOHE, Hawaii (March 23, 2015) – Ocean View Terrace, a first-of-its-kind cemetery, funeral and memorialization development at [Valley of the Temples Memorial Park](#) in Kaneohe, celebrates its grand opening with a two-day storytelling festival on Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29. Highlights of the celebration include weekend performances by renowned storytellers, Alton Chung, Jeff Gere and Kathy Collins.

The festival – which is free and open to the public – will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on both days. Alton Chung, known the world over for his powerful and energetic storytelling performances, will share stories he has collected from oral history interviews with local elders, many associated with the Hawaiian Plantation Village in Waipahu. He will also lead a free storytelling workshop entitled, “Tell Your Story” that is available for attendees of all ages. Storyteller Jeff Gere, just back from a tour of Thailand, will share a collection of funny and touching personal tales using his unique range of voices and characterizations to create an unforgettable experience. Well-known Maui-based comedian and storyteller, Kathy Collins, will be telling some hilarious personal stories through her alter-ego, Tita, on Sunday. Musical and hula dance performances and a drawing for a free trip to China will round out the weekend festivities.



Ocean View Terrace inside Valley of the Temples Memorial Park in Kaneohe, Hawaii

“We’re very excited to welcome locals and visitors alike to the new Ocean View Terrace,” said Mark Gilmore, regional general manager for Valley of the Temples. “With its sweeping ocean and mountain views, this new development is unlike any other cemetery in the world. The raw beauty and serenity of the entire Valley of the Temples area is breathtaking; we hope people will find inspiration here, whether they’re attending the festival, visiting the Hawaii Byodo-In Temple or choosing a final resting place.”

About Ocean View Terrace

Construction on Ocean View Terrace began in June 2013. The 10-acre site sits on a hilltop above Valley of the Temples on the windward side of Oahu and features panoramic views of the Ko’olau Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. One of the most unique features of Ocean View Terrace is the heart-shaped design of the main garden, which was built in consultation with feng shui master, Clarence Lau. The development features hedged private estates, a cremation garden and traditional burial spaces alongside a stream and a cascading waterfall. The result is a deeply peaceful and inspiring experience for visitors.

Additional features of Ocean View Terrace include:

- Space for traditional burials and exclusive family estates
- A cremation garden with more than 1,000 unique interment opportunities
- New cremation products, including more than 500 companion niches set into a lava-veneered rock wall and waterfall – all with ocean views
- More than 3,700 lawn burial lots, all with excellent feng shui and many with upright monument privileges
- A cascading waterfall that winds its way through the entire development
- Landscaped and private garden estates
- Build-to-suit opportunities for families to work with designers to create a unique and distinguished development in a private setting
- A range of services and price points that meet everyone's needs, regardless of economic status, are available

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

What:

Ocean View Terrace Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration

Where:

Valley of the Temples Memorial Park
47-200 Kahekili Hwy
Kaneohe, HI 96744

When:

Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, 2015

Saturday Timeline:

- 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. – Hula performance
- 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. – Storyteller Jeff Gere: "Family Tales Told by A Teller To His Family"
- 2:15 to 3 p.m. – Storyteller Alton Chung
- 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. – Hula performance
- 3:30 to 4 p.m. – Storytelling Workshop: by Alton Chung

Sunday Timeline:

- 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. – Hula performance
- 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. – Storyteller Kathy Collins : "Tita Pidgin-speaking"
- 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. – Hula performance
- 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. – Storyteller Alton Chung
- 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. – Storytelling workshop by Alton Chung

Who:

Attendees include:

- Storyteller, Jeff Gere
- Storyteller, Alton Chung
- Storyteller, Cathy Collins
- Feng Shui expert, Clarence Lau
- Area Operations Director for Valley of the Temples, Mark Gilmore

Admission:

Free. For more information, please call Valley of The Temples main line at (808) 239-8811.

MEDIA, PLEASE NOTE:

Reporters/editors interested in attending the grand opening of Ocean View Terrace, interviewing Mark Gilmore or to request high-res images, please contact Ashley Boarman at (415) 359-2312 or ashley@landispr.com.

ABOUT VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES MEMORIAL PARK

Valley of the Temples Memorial Park provides end-of-life services to families from diverse religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Established in 1963, Valley of the Temples Memorial Park is located on the Windward side of Oahu and is surrounded by mountains and lush, rolling green hills which overlook the Pacific Ocean. Valley of the Temples features the Hawaii Byodo-In Temple, the famous 1968 replica of the 11th century Phoenix Hall of the Byodo-In Buddhist temple complex in Uji, Japan. The Hawaii temple has appeared in numerous popular television shows including *Lost* and *Hawaii Five-O*. Valley of the Temples Memorial Park is part of a family of cemeteries, funeral homes and crematories with locations throughout the U.S. For more information, visit www.valley-of-the-temples.com or call (801) 239-8811.

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