

Paul Tavai-Latta Biography

Celebrating 50 years this fall, The Paul Tavai-Latta Polynesian Dancers & Co of Canada thrives under the direction of Master Kumu Hula / Ra'atira dance and culture specialist: Paul Ma'e Ma'e kapua O Kahala Tavai-Latta.

Paul is the most sought after educator of Ma'ohi (Polynesian) studies in Canada. For over 49 years, Paul has specialized in indigenous traditional & contemporary dance, music, costume, art, culture, history, geography & live stage performance of all Polynesia.

Paul was adopted, lived, raised, schooled and trained in the South Pacific, throughout **Tahiti, Mo'orea, Raiate'a, Bora Bora, Fiji, New Zealand, and Aitutaki.** Eventually, he settled in **Rarotonga, Cook Islands** and **Hawaii** for many years. This early introduction to the Polynesian way of life fostered Paul's life-long passion for all that is Polynesian, which continues to this very day.

Soon after Paul's family arrived in Vancouver, Canada, **"Tavai's Polynesia!"** was founded by Paul's parents, Pat & Colleen in 1968. This early and rich immersion led Paul to start his own Polynesian dance school and performing troop in Surrey B.C at the early age of 11. Paul became **Canada's youngest accredited, dance teacher, complete with top award winning students, and known for his own live shows - and Canada's only Fire dancer.** Thus, the **Paul Tavai-Latta Polynesian Dancers & Co.** were born! **The rest is history!**

Now with over **5 decades of performances and teaching of** local , national & international dance classes, workshops, and sharing his knowledge of Authentic Polynesian & Island Dance, Drums, Music, Culture Geography Customs, Language, Paul continues to be a respected Kumu to students of all ages & levels!

Since 1973, Paul has produced and performed more than **250 shows a year in over 7 countries worldwide** inc. **Live shows, Tours, Royal Caribbean / Celebrity cruises, Disney films, Movies, T.V., Commercials, Festivals, Competitions, and a royal performance for the Queen Pariki of Rarotonga Cook Islands; in addition, several world tours to Europe, Japan, Las Vegas, Mexico, Rarotonga, Tahiti & Honolulu.** His company offers over 15 different Professional & Non Professional Polynesian, Middle Eastern & Variety production shows which are highly acclaimed locally, nationally & world-wide.

Paul & his dancers continue to win the majority of competitions they enter while holding **25 100% World Record Perfect Scores.**

With many more opportunities in the field of entertainment and education still to come, inc all new "ZOOM" classes, Paul shows no signs of slowing down!

Dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the Polynesian culture, Paul brings the South Pacific to life in all that he does!

Mahalo

Paul Ma'e Ma'e Kapua O Kahala Tavai-Latta
Owner /Operator /Kumu Hula / Ra'atira Pupu Ote'a
Paul Latta Enterprises Canada
(Dance Studios & Show Productions)

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of the "Hula Halau Ma'e Ma'e Kapua O Kahala" Polynesian & Hula School
"Canada largest, longest running "Top Award Winning" Polynesian dance & entertainment company
Home of "TAVAI'S!" Polynesian Local & International Review
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