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First Official Callout for Guam's Delegation to the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts 2016

(July 6, 2015, Hagåtña, Guam) The Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) is pleased to announce that the first official callout for Guam's Delegation to the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts 2016 will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2015.

The launch for the callout will be held in the Multipurpose Auditorium, Building #400, at the Guam Community College (GCC) in Mangilao. CAHA as the lead agency responsible for the development and execution of the artistic program for the festival is also charged with the selection and coordination of the 500-member Guam Delegation. Representatives from the 5 programming committees: Forums, Workshops and Seminars; Literary Arts; Performing Arts; Traditional Arts; and Visual Arts; will be at GCC to provide information, distribute applications and answer any questions.

Monica Guzman, CAHA Board Chair and Festival Programming Chair stated "The Festival Programming Committee comprised of artisans, cultural practitioners and experts in the various artistic disciplines have been meeting since 2012 working diligently on the artistic program to ensure that the rich diversity of the Pacific communities are highlighted and celebrated during the two-week event. Selection criteria and specific genre criteria for the Guam Delegation have also been established by the group. Since the first festival held in Fiji in 1972, Guam has had representation at every festival thereafter. With Guam's hosting of the festival next year, compared to our showing at past festivals, we will have the largest contingency of the island's best artists and cultural practitioners, 500 strong to take part in the celebration and to assert our uniqueness as a people."

Guzman added "For the first time Guam's official delegation will include members of the Guam Diaspora living overseas in the U.S. mainland. As the Diaspora needs to fundraise to come to Guam for the festival, first round of auditions were held earlier this year in San Diego, California. The first 41 Diaspora delegates were selected. Final round of Diaspora auditions will be held in October on the East Coast."

Auditions and selection of delegates will take place throughout 2015 with the final selection set for January 2016 for the Guam Delegation to the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts. Delegate application forms can be downloaded off the CAHA website, www.quamcaha.org after July 11.

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