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**Mai-Kai to Debut 2010 Children's Show**  
***Sundays in summer dedicated to families***

Ft. Lauderdale, FL (May 27, 2010) – Sundays at the Mai-Kai Restaurant will soon feature family fun full of new twists, turns and leaps in the ***Kids 2010 Islander Revue***. Since 1988 the Mai-Kai's have won the accolades and the hearts of guests with their interpretation of Polynesia's rich heritage. Children from family members of the Mai-Kai owners, friends and employees, join the professional dance troupe in the fast-paced Polynesian Islanders revue every Sunday beginning June 6 through September.

The live musical accompaniment creates a strong beat, leading the performers through their routines. The children have been rehearsing several times a week throughout the spring months to learn the new dance numbers and develop the skills required to keep up with the adult dancers.

Decked out in grass skirts, hand-painted cloth sarongs, leis and traditional feather headpieces, the children offer their peer audience an insight into **Polynesian culture and tradition**. As the children entertainers become more coordinated, they advance to the next dance level, which includes different props from rhythm instruments to knives.

The **owner and show's choreographer, Mireille Thornton**, began as one of the original dancers in the Islander Revue in 1961. A native Polynesian, Thornton travels to Polynesia every year to work with dance experts and find new inspiration for

the troupe's dances and costumes. The Mai-Kai Islander Revue is the longest running Polynesian dance show in the continental United States.

"We have many new children this year and they have learned the new dance steps very quickly. Of course, it also helps that we have several experienced children who can encourage our new members. The smiles and the self-confidence I see in their faces is so beautiful," said Thornton.

All ages, from grandparents to young children, enjoy the Mai-Kai's colorful and exciting 45-minute Islander Revue. At one point during the show the Mai-Kai dancers invite audience members to join them on stage to learn just a few of the basic dance moves.

Children under 12 years old enjoy the show at no charge. The adults show is only \$10.95. Each child receives a lei and a Polynesian activity and coloring book to take home. In addition, the Mai-Kai has a **special menu tailored to children's tastes** including Captain Cook's Ribs, Society Island Shrimp, Bora Bora Beef and Kon Tiki Chicken.

The **Mai-Kai, located at 3599 North Federal Highway** (just north of Oakland Park Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale), is open daily for dinner with shows performed nightly. Guests are encouraged to stroll across our wooden bridges and through the gardens featuring tikis, orchids and tropical plants, waterfalls cascading into small lagoons. The gift shop offers something of interest for everyone. Children will love the puppets and toys and the adults will want to see the famous Black pearl jewelry up close.

**For more information, show times and reservations, call 954 563-3272 or visit our website at [www.maikai.com](http://www.maikai.com)**

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