



## HALEKULANI ANNOUNCES TRANSFORMATIVE GUEST EXPERIENCE FEATURING RENOWNED MARTIAL ARTS MASTER AND ARTIST RAY CARBULLIDO

*'Explorations of Self' Combines Movement, Meditation and Immersive Art Installation to Inspire  
Holistic Wellbeing*

**HONOLULU – Jan. 14, 2026 – [Halekulani](#)**, Oahu's most acclaimed luxury hotel, just steps away from Waikiki Beach, today announces an exclusive Visiting Master experience featuring internationally recognized martial arts master and artist Ray Carbullido. Taking place March 15-May 2, 2026, this immersive program, *Explorations of Self*, invites guests to embark on a journey of personal discovery through guided practices and a striking art installation designed to evoke reflection and renewal.

As part of Halekulani's Art of Wellbeing initiative, the Visiting Master program brings world-class experts to guide guests through holistic journeys of restoration. Carbullido, celebrated for his integrative approach to movement, meditation and cultural wisdom, will lead sessions that help participants reconnect with their innate intelligence and cultivate balance in mind, body and spirit. Traditionally taught within temples, family lines and private martial arts schools across Asia, this depth of practice is rarely accessible to the public.

Carbullido's work draws from more than four decades of martial arts training rooted in internal cultivation practices, with two equally central influences: Baguazhang and Tengu swordsmanship. Baguazhang is a rare and highly sophisticated internal martial art known for its circular, spiraling movement and deep study of change, traditionally sought after by martial artists, healers and those engaged in esoteric study for its ability to enhance a wide range of disciplines. Tengu swordsmanship, an even rarer embodied practice rooted in mythic lineage, serves as a foundational system for literacy of martial arts implements, revealing the shared principles and essence that inform all weapon systems. Together, these traditions inform Carbullido's integrative approach, emphasizing precision, adaptability and the governing principles that underlie integrity and meaningful relationships.

### **Program Highlights:**

- **Immersive Art Installation:** Presented in the Halekulani Gallery, the exhibition reflects Carbullido's parallel artistic journey — one deeply inspired by his lifelong martial arts practice. Each work explores the relationship between the visible and invisible aspects of being, offering guests a profound encounter with art as a pathway to wellbeing. The exhibition includes:

- *Portal*: Central to the installation, *Portal* is a participatory work with multiple applications — one of which includes healing — and that began as a concept sparked by Carbullido’s encounters with mirrored structures in museums, including designs attributed to Leonardo da Vinci. *Portal* serves as a contemplative environment where guests engage with light, reflection and subtle movement.
- *Light Mandala*: Alongside *Portal*, the exhibition features the *Light Mandala* series, which introduces a contemporary visual language for ancient knowledge, transmitting its wisdom forward to future generations.
- **Artist Talks & Workshops**: Guests are invited to join the exclusive opening of *Explorations of Self* on March 15, 2-3 p.m., where Carbullido will offer insight into the themes and inspiration behind the installation, as well as a gallery walkthrough. He will also host a number of talks and guided group sessions, such as:
  - *The Way of the Sword (March 20)*: Understanding and cultivating meaningful relationships.
  - *Cultivating Vitality (March 21)*: Gentle, fluid movement that unifies the body and supports full body vitality.
- **Private Guided *Portal* Immersions**: As another touchpoint of the *Explorations of Self* experience, private *Portal* Immersions offer an individual, transformative session within the one-of-a-kind *Portal* installation designed to support presence, self-cultivation and deep personal insight. Guided by Carbullido, participants engage with light, reflection and subtle movement in a serene environment, exploring breathwork, stillness and gentle gestures. Each experience is bespoke, non-prescriptive and intended to provide a direct, grounding encounter that expands awareness and fosters inner clarity.
- **Private Sessions in Onsite Dojo**: Carbullido will also offer private sessions in Halekulani’s dedicated dojo space. For those who attend his workshops or talks, the individual trainings will provide space to apply principles directly to lived experience. For those new to the program, sessions may address a wide range of topics, including physical challenges, navigating relationships or workplace stress, life transitions and questions around purpose or personal spirituality. Sessions emphasize simple, attainable practices arranged with care, offering tools that can be used immediately and developed over time to support wellbeing, vitality and personal growth.

“Halekulani has always been a sanctuary for restoration and inspiration,” said Davide Barnes, General Manager of Halekulani. “Our Visiting Master experiences embody our commitment to creating meaningful encounters that nurture both body and spirit. We are honored to welcome Ray Carbullido, whose work aligns perfectly with our vision of delivering authentic, one-of-a-kind experiences for our guests.”

Carbullido shared, "My intention is to offer opportunities for self-cultivation. I invite and encourage guests to explore the layers of their being and connection to the larger systems they are a part of. The art installation serves as a visual guide and reference while the talks and workshops offer insights and tools for this sacred and personal journey. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with Halekulani in presenting these offerings."

The Visiting Master events will take place at Halekulani, Halekulani Gallery and Halepuna Waikiki. Advance reservations are recommended.

For more information, event details and to book, visit [www.halekulani.com](http://www.halekulani.com).

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### **About Ray Carbullido**

Ray Carbullido is a martial arts master, teacher, and artist whose work integrates movement, philosophy, and visual expression. Beginning his training at age seven, he has spent decades studying swordsmanship and internal cultivation practices, alongside explorations in meditation, healing, and creative disciplines. His teachings draw deeply from Baguazhang, a rare and highly sophisticated internal martial art rooted in Taoist philosophy, celebrated for its circular movements and emphasis on adaptability, fluidity and harmony between mind and body, alongside Tengu swordsmanship, an exceptionally rare, embodied tradition in which the sword is understood not as an object, but as a governing principle shared across all weapon forms. Through these complementary traditions, Ray invites participants into experiences that foster clarity, vitality, and well-being, bridging ancient wisdom with contemporary life. Learn more at [www.raycarbullido.com](http://www.raycarbullido.com).

### **About Halekulani**

Since its re-introduction in 1984 as one of the world's finest and most acclaimed independent luxury hotels, Halekulani has received more than 500 awards, most recently placing on MICHELIN Guide 2025's list of Two-Key Hotels, Condé Nast Traveler's 2025 Readers' Choice Awards of the best hotels in Hawaii, and on Travel + Leisure's 2025 World's Best Awards list of the best resort hotels in Hawaii. Halekulani is home to La Mer, Hawaii's longest, consecutively ranked AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Travel Guide 5-Star Restaurant, Orchids, House Without A Key, L'Aperitif, Lewers Lounge, SpaHalekulani and Earl's Pool Bar. For over 20 years, Halekulani has maintained a strong commitment to arts and culture in the community through exclusive alliances with Oahu's most iconic cultural venues. Halekulani is operated by the Hotels and Resorts of Halekulani, a brand management division of the Honolulu-based Halekulani Corporation, which also oversees the Halepuna Waikiki by Halekulani. Halekulani is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and is aligned with Tokyo's legendary Imperial Hotel. For further information, please visit [www.halekulani.com](http://www.halekulani.com).

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