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The 1994 Honolulu Dala Tribute to the Dance of the Islands

The Honolulu Dala has become one of the most popular series ever issued by The Mint. Originally created as a special "one time only" issue, it's immediate acceptance by collectors and their repeated requests for new annual issues has turned the Honolulu Dala into an on-going series.

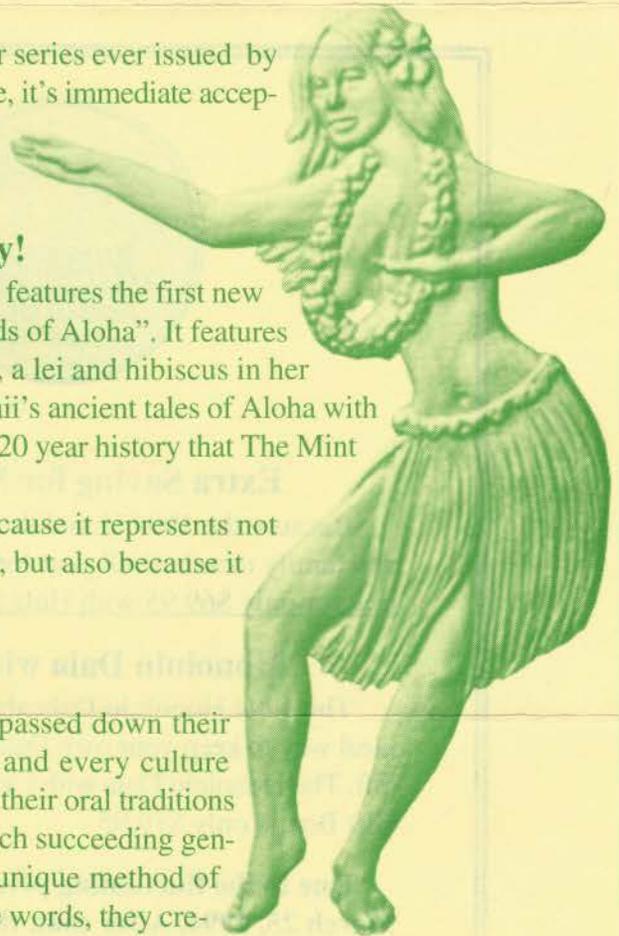
First Hula Design in The Mint's History!

The 1994 Honolulu Dala is a very special one because it features the first new design in four years. The new obverse celebrates "The Islands of Aloha". It features a wahine wearing the traditional grass skirt, or pa'u hei hei, a lei and hibiscus in her hair. She is frozen in mid-motion as she weaves one of Hawaii's ancient tales of Aloha with her hands and body movements. This is the very time in our 20 year history that The Mint has used this motif on an issue.

The Hula was chosen for this year's Honolulu Dala because it represents not only the most prominent image of Hawaii around the world, but also because it is a vital link to Hawaiian culture.

The Hula and Hawaiian Culture

Before the invention of the written word, all cultures passed down their sagas, poems and stories through the spoken word. Each and every culture throughout the world had a storyteller who would memorize their oral traditions word for word and teach and relate them unchangingly to each succeeding generation. The Polynesian people developed a different and unique method of passing along their cultural treasures. Instead of speaking the words, they created an intricate dance in which the story was conveyed by precise hand and body motions. The style and tempo of the Hula varies widely from one part of Polynesia to another. The inseparable imagery of the Hula and Hawaii dates back to the 19th century, when it was performed to welcome crews of visiting whaling and merchant ships. Unaware of its true meaning, sailors brought the dance back to the Mainland where it was vulgarized into the suggestive movements of grass-skirted "hoochy-coochy" dancers at carnivals and music halls. The image began to change with the rise of the tourist trade during the years before and after World War II. Hula dancers would line the pier to welcome the disembarking passengers of cruise ships with leis. Today, the Hula has come full circle... anticipated and appreciated by visitors as the beautiful and rich cultural manifestation of Aloha.



And the Hula hands weave their stories... of the lush tranquility of Kauai... of cosmopolitan Oahu... of the shimmering waters of Lanai and Molokai's warm sands... of the thrilling beauty of breaching whales off of Maui... of the awesome power of Pele's volcanos on the Big Island. They beckon the people of the world... come, to the "Islands of Aloha", come, renew your spirit... come, refresh your soul.

Her message is reiterated by the words, "The Islands of Aloha" next to a hibiscus, the state flower of Hawaii.

The Latest Issue in our Most Popular Series

Except for the 1994 date, the other side is unchanged. This reverse links this year's Honolulu Dala to previous issues forming a continuing, unbroken series.

The 1994 Honolulu Dala measures 39mm in diameter. It contains one full ounce of .999 Fine Silver and is available in original, proof-like BU (Brilliant Uncirculated) condition. Each Dala comes with a Certificate of Authenticity. Despite the recent rise in the spot price of silver, the 1994 Honolulu Dala remains at just \$15.95 for this introductory offer.



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Extra Saving for MINTLINE Readers Only!

Because the 1994 Honolulu Dala makes a perfect gift of Aloha to friends and family members all year long, you can save just under \$10.00 by getting five for only \$69.95 with Hula Special.

Honolulu Dala with Deluxe Gift Box Available

The 1994 Honolulu Dala also comes in a Deluxe Gift Box that makes an ideal way to keep your own Dala or the perfect way to make it an extra special gift. The Honolulu Dala with Certificate of Authenticity, packaged in a Deluxe Gift Box is only \$19.95

Due to the fluctuating price of silver, these offers are valid until March 25, 1994, After that, they are subject to change or withdrawal without notice.

Here's wishing you much Aloha and a sincere Mahalo for your continued support of the Royal Hawaiian Mint and our dedication to commemorating Hawaiiiana in precious metals.

Mahalo,
Bernard von NotHaus
Mintmaster/Editor

Offer may be cancelled at any time due to market conditions.