

## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual ECHO Festival of Performing Arts~2006**

Tau Dance Theater of Hawai'i will act as movement facilitator to help the culturally diverse team of storytellers from Alaska, Hawai'i, and Massachusetts create a new production for the 2006 ECHO tour. The intermingling of performers will convene in Hawai'i in February 2006 to create a production that uses oral traditions as a base, while engaging the audience in participatory and interactive elements. The addition of dance/movement, along with live music to enhance the stories will add a whole new dimension to the audience's experience.

Past ECHO tours have featured each culture and their stories separately and in a fairly traditional oral setting and delivery. This new approach is an attempt to add to that format a new dynamic. Using Tau Dance Theater as artistic tool, ECHO partners have committed to give the story-teller added dimension through movement and live music, allowing the orator and the audience to explore and experience their stories in a more inclusive and dynamic realm.

As in the past, performances by individual participants will augment the main festival performance piece at each venue.

### **2006 Schedule**

#### **Hawai'i- Bishop Museum**

February 9-15 Production and Rehearsals

16-17 Schools

19 Public Performance

20 Schools

#### **Massachusetts- Peabody Essex Museum**

March 6-7 Rehearsals

8-10 Schools

11 Public Performance

#### **Massachusetts- New Bedford Whaling Museum**

March 12 Public Performance

13-15 Schools

#### **Massachusetts- Martha's Vineyard**

March 15-16 Schools and Performance

#### **Alaska- Barrow**

March 30-31 Rehearsals

April 1-2 TBA

3-4 Schools

4 Public Performance

#### **Alaska- Alaska Native Heritage Center**

April 6-7 Schools

8 Public Performance

10 Schools