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**GET SWEEP AWAY IN ROMANCE AT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM'S
ANNUAL SEADUCTION VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER**

HONOLULU (January 28, 2009) – The Waikiki Aquarium has put Cupid at the helm to help lovers get swept away this Valentine's Day with its annual Seaduction Dinner. Prepared exclusively for 36 couples, the romantic evening will feature a champagne reception, three-course meal with wine catered by Ginniberries, romantic souvenir, and valet parking.

Private tables for two will be arranged throughout the Aquarium's galleries, fronting such captivating exhibits as Ocean Drifters, Hunters of the Reef, Mini Marine Life, South Pacific Marine Communities and Weedy Sea Dragons. Couples may reserve the table/exhibit of their choice on a first come, first serve basis.

The evening's menu, created by Ginniberries, will feature an ahi tartare on ginger-rice cakes appetizer; grilled pear and watercress salad with Cambozola cheese and rosemary walnuts; Kona coffee and Szechwan-peppercorn crusted tenderloin with Maui onion jam paired with prosciutto-wrapped Mahimahi with basil tomato beurre blanc, or a vegetarian option of "Verdure al Forno" consisting of zucchini and yellow squash lattice with Fontina, mozzarella and Romano cheeses. Both entrée options are served alongside truffle and caramelized shallot potatoes, and Boursin creamed spinach. For a climactic finish, dessert tops off the menu with a chocolate latte cup filled with tiramisu. Guests will also enjoy a beverage selection of wine, beer, coffee, tea and water.

Seaduction will take place on Saturday, February 14, 2009. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is \$300 per couple, inclusive, with all proceeds benefiting the Waikiki Aquarium. Commemorative photos will be mailed to guests following the event. For reservations, please call (808) 440-9015.

ABOUT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawaii since 1919, the Waikiki Aquarium is located on the shoreline of Waikiki Beach next to a living reef and across from Kapiolani Park. The Aquarium – third oldest in the U.S. – showcases more than 500 marine species, and maintains more than 3,000 marine specimens. Public exhibits, education programs and research focus on the unique aquatic life of Hawaii and the tropical Pacific. The Aquarium welcomes more than 320,000 visitors annually, and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Honolulu Marathon Sunday and Christmas Day. Admission is \$9 for visitors; \$6 for local residents, active duty military with ID, students with ID and seniors; \$4 for youths ages 13-17 and persons with disabilities; \$2 for juniors ages 5 to 12; and free for children 4 and under and Friends of Waikiki Aquarium (FOWA) members. For more information about the Waikiki Aquarium, including membership, please call (808) 923-9741 or visit www.waquarium.org.

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