

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **“Bamboo Ridge Press Fundraiser to Celebrate 45 Years of Publishing Local Literature”**

(HONOLULU) On March 2, 2024, Bamboo Ridge Press will celebrate 45 years of publishing local literature with a benefit banquet at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i. The evening will feature editors, authors, and artists from the Bamboo Ridge ‘Ohana, as well as a silent auction of art and other unique items.

Founded in 1978 by Eric Chock and Darrell H.Y. Lum, Bamboo Ridge Press is one of the longest running independent literary presses in the country publishing work by well over one thousand established and emerging writers.

The theme for this 45th anniversary celebration is *Abunai! Making Literary Mischief*. “Abunai”—Japanese for “dangerous”—is the title of a photo taken by Darrell Lum in 1978 of the East O‘ahu fishing spot known as Bamboo Ridge, where warnings were hand-painted along the rocky path. At its inception, Bamboo Ridge Press was doing something “abunai” by asserting the importance and value of local literature to tell our own stories in our own unique ways. For 45 years, Bamboo Ridge Press has been taking on the challenges of publishing literary work by, for, and about the people of Hawai‘i, sometimes making literary mischief and always facing financial uncertainty.

Join us for a night of literary mischief making, good food, and great stories!

Individual seats are \$125. Premium tables of 10 are also available at \$3,000 and \$5,000 which include prime locations and special amenities. A portion of your purchase will be tax deductible. For more information visit [bambooridge.org](http://bambooridge.org).

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e-mail [read@bambooridge.org](mailto:read@bambooridge.org) or visit [www.bambooridge.org](http://www.bambooridge.org).**

Bamboo Ridge Press was founded in 1978 to publish literature by, for, and about the people of Hawai‘i. It publishes two volumes a year: a literary journal of poetry and fiction featuring work by both emerging and established writers, and a book by a single author or an anthology focused on a special theme. Bamboo Ridge Press is an independent non-profit, tax-exempt corporation supported through book sales, subscriptions, private donations, and grants.

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# ABUNAI !

MAKING LITERARY MISCHIEF

BAMBOO RIDGE PRESS 45TH  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY- MARCH 2, 2024

JAPANESE CULTURAL  
CENTER OF HAWAII | 5:00 PM

BANQUET FUNDRAISER & SILENT AUCTION

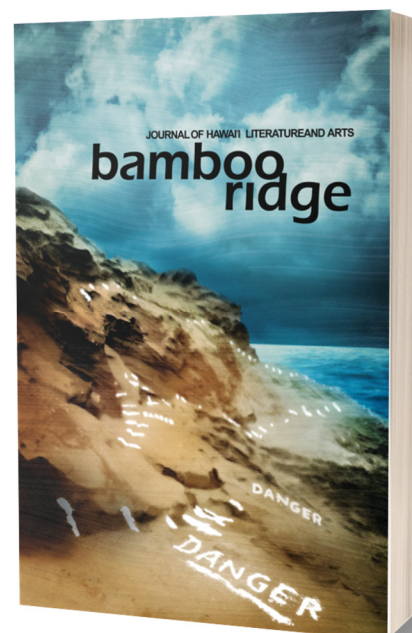


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*“BAMBOO RIDGE has always been a place for stories that reflect the unique experiences of Hawai‘i’s people. Editing the 45th anniversary issue is not so much looking back but looking forward, really.”*

— Darrell H. Y. Lum,  
founding editor

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45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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*Making Literary Mischief*

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