

HARUYO(Haruyo Carrell)

Hula Performer/Instructor/Choreographer



Name: Haruyo (Haruyo Carrell)

Date of Birth: December 19, 1970

Place of Birth: Tokyo, Japan

Residence: Hawaii & California

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Height: 5'2"

Language: Japanese & English

Specialty: Hula

H-POWER Co. President <http://www.h-power.net>

Born in Tokyo, Japan, December 1970, Haruyo studied and performed Classical ballet from age 4 to 15. She is also professionally trained in Jazz, Hip-Hop and Salsa. In 1995, after being inspired to learn Hula, she started studying under an instructor in Tokyo. After a year, she attained the level of instructor and began teaching Hula at a culture school in Ginza, Tokyo. Meeting Hawaii's Kumu Hula/Paleka Leinaala Mattos in Japan inspired Haruyo to perfect her Hula in Hawaii.

In 1999, Haruyo moved to Hawaii to study Hula with Kumu Hula Paleka Leinaala Mattos (Hula Halau O' Kamuela). Between the years 2000 to 2004, she performed in the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival and her group won back to back championships four years in a row.

<http://www.kalena.com/merriemonarch/index.html>

During the four years of being a member of Hula Halau O' Kamuela, Haruyo performed in the King Kamehameha Hula Competition* on Oahu, traveled to Japan on tour and also performed at numerous local festivals. (*
<http://hotspotshawaii.com/scohh.html>)

In 2003, Haruyo established her own company, H-POWER Co.**, in Hawaii, specialized in producing Hula shows. In the same year, she founded a Hula school (H-POWER PRODUCTION) in Japan, designing original Hula costumes, creating an original clothing line with accessories, setting up Hula tours in Hawaii and writing for various publications. (**
<http://h-power.net>)

Haruyo currently has Hula schools in Tokyo, Toyama, Ishikawa, Kobe and Osaka, Japan. And her career has prospered beyond them, also working with various TV stations as a Hula supervisor for television programs, making appearances in different media, giving seminars throughout Japan, training future instructors, working as an event organizer and as a Pilates trainer.

In addition, her Hula DVDs, *Haruyo's Beauty Workout*, from Columbia Music Entertainment, have enjoyed great sales and received outstanding reviews after being released on June 26, 2009.