



Cha Thompson, CEO of Tihati Productions, has been serving Hawaii's visitor industry for more than 40 years. Supplying all types of entertainment, her company employs more than 1,200 professionals. Cha handles the choreography while her husband, Jack Thompson, directs their productions. Performers from Tihati Productions Polynesian shows highlighted a luau on the White House lawn in June 2009. Cha is part-Hawaiian and grew up in public housing, Kalihi Valley Homes. After graduating from Farrington High School, she started dancing hula professionally and traveled the world. Jack started as a fire-knife dancer and later was the emcee for the Tihati show. The two are high school sweethearts. In addition to their on-going community service, Cha and Jack have established a scholarship fund for Hawaii students who excel in the performing arts. Cha and Jack have since given the reigns of the business to their son, Afatia Thompson. Accomplishments: Inducted into the Hawaii Business Hall of Fame (1986), Small Business Persons of the year(1990), Mother of the Year-State of Hawaii (1999), Secretary/Treasurer of South Seas Christian Ministries (present).