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**Danish Gymnastics Team to Perform Free in Hilo October 14**

The Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce that the Danish Gymnastic Elite Team will be making their Hilo debut from October 11-18, 2008.

The group of 30 gymnasts and two coaches will perform for the public at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium on **Tuesday, October 14** at 6:30 pm. Admission is free.

The gymnasts, 15 men and 15 women in their 20s, will also perform for the students of Waiakea High School on Monday, October 13.

During their stay in Hilo, they will hold interactive workshops at Hilo High School, Kea'au High School, Waiakea Intermediate School, E Maka'ala School and the YMCA Waiakea Settlement.

Their visit is thanks to the efforts of Danish-trained gymnast Yoko Hayano, who lives in Hilo and volunteers at the Waiakea Recreation Center.

While on the Big Island, the gymnasts will be hosted by the congregation of the Church of the Holy Cross as well as several local Japanese and Danish families.