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## **MILOS RAONIC COMMITS TO PLAY IN THE HAWAII OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

*No. 1 Canadian joins a star-studded roster at the Blaisdell Arena, Dec. 21-23*

HONOLULU (November 6, 2018) — The No. 1 Canadian on the ATP World Tour, **Milos Raonic**, has committed to play in the 2018 [Hawaii Open Tennis Tournament](#), presented by the Hawaii Tourism Authority, joining the competitive lineup including U.S. Open semifinalist and ATP World Tour No. 9 **Kei Nishikori**, former Wimbledon champion and WTA World Tour No. 18 **Garbiñe Muguruza** and former Wimbledon finalist **Genie Bouchard**.

The Hawaii Open is scheduled for Dec. 21-23, 2018, at the Blaisdell Arena in Honolulu, Hawaii. This will be the first time the tournament is held at this venue, which is located in downtown Honolulu.

This will be Raonic's first time playing a tennis tournament in Hawaii. Since turning pro in 2008, the 27-year-old has won eight titles and reached a career-high ranking of No. 3 on the ATP World Tour. He is looking forward to the tournament as a tune-up for the Australian Open.

"Before Grand Slams, especially Australia, it's always important that we get lots of high intensity practice matches under our belt, as the break before Aussie Open is always the longest break tennis players take," said Raonic. "We are all coming back from our off-season. The field at the tournament this year is very strong and I'm looking forward to competing against some great players and enjoying the beautiful island of Hawaii."

Three rounds of single-elimination matches featuring edge-of-your-seat action will be played over three days in a best two-out-of-three set format. Third sets will be played as a tie break with the first to 10 points declared the winner.

Daily tournament ticket prices begin at \$25 and three-day passes begin at \$70. Tickets can be purchased at [www.hawaiitennisopen.com](http://www.hawaiitennisopen.com) and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

The Hawaii Open will include a special charity session Saturday evening at 6 p.m. after tournament match play to benefit Hawaii's Kilauea Volcano disaster relief charities. The session will include match play with Hawaii Open tennis players and special guests, actor Daniel Dae Kim and Hawaii Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. Tickets to the special charity session are \$20.

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