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Meet HFX Mentor Lynne O'Neill for: [THE WOMAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF NEW YORK FASHION WEEK](#)

Fashion Show Producer speaks at The Study @ The Modern Honolulu at 5:45pm on April 7th 2015.

New York Fashion Week, a trend-setting extravaganza, wasn't always the glamorous spectacle it is today. In the beginning, during the first official 1994 event, debris littered the stage from earlier off-Broadway productions. Backstage, clothing was bought in on broken broom handles as a handful of fashion journalists and department store buyers gathered to eye the upcoming trends draped on relatively unknown models.

Standing there, orchestrating it all — as she still does today — was Hawaiian-born Lynne Hanzawa O'Neill.

Still one of today's most sought-after producers, O'Neill arrives in Oahu this month to help plan the Fall 2015 Honolulu Fashion Week, slotted for Nov. 20 at the Hawaii Convention Center. During O'Neill's return "home," she'll visit The Study to make a speaking appearance April 7 during THE MODERN HONOLULU's popular (and monthly) Study Hall guest series. On the upcoming Study Hall agenda: all things fashion, including O'Neill's role in last year's Honolulu Fashion Week, thoughts on possible expansion of the event and Hawaii's significance in the global fashion industry.