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AWARD-WINNING PERFORMERS FROM HAWAII AND THE PACIFIC

PACIFIC ROOTS



KAUMAKAIWA KANAKA'OLE

"The voice of Hawaii's new generation"
2015 Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn Award

"traditionalist tour de force." –The New York Times

WITH KEKUI KANAKA'OLE

Powerful voices, deep Hawaiian cultural roots by mother and daughter, with **Shawn Pimental, guitar**



AOTEAROA'S FINEST:

MAISEY RIKA, HOROMONA HORO, SETH HAAPU, TROY KINGI

Winner multiple Maori Music Awards!

"distinctive New Zealand voice... masters of this new generation."

Leading singer/songwriters, traditional Maori instruments fuse cultural roots with memorable tunes & gripping lyrics

WAA JURIED SHOWCASE, TUE AUG 28 & SHOWCASE WED AUG 29

SHOWCASES!



TE VAKA

"A stereotype-smashing glimpse into the soul of the South seas" --Wired

"...one of the greatest South Pacific bands of all time" -Fiji Times

Multi-award winning Pacific fusion group, 2-time **"Best Pacific Group"**

Soundtrack for Disney's animated feature MOANA

ISLAND CONTEMPORARY



KALANI PE'A

"... made history... Grammy Award and Na Hoku Award for the same project." – Honolulu Star-Adv. *"...a gorgeous voice and a flair for composing... major, innovative figure in contemporary Hawaiian music."* –Maui News

Perpetuating Hawaiian culture while having you rockin' in your seat!



HENRY KAPONO & HIS DUKES ON SUNDAY BAND

"Kapono is one of the great island songwriters of his generation." -Honolulu
Hawaiian music legend & **Grammy Nominee** -- celebrating his signature laid-back island rock that rocketed him to fame with the duo Cecilio & Kapono (C&K)

GUITAR & 'UKULELE MASTERS



NATHAN AWEAU

Multiple Na Hoku Awards

"on electric bass and acoustic guitar, shows an... advanced understanding of harmony and orchestration ...his singing style is effortless" –NY Times

A talented multi-instrumentalist who spent 7 years as the voice of Hapa, he is known for virtuosity on electric bass.



KEOLA BEAMER

2014 Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn Award!

"There's no better slack key player than Beamer" – Willie Nelson

"Quintessential...Slack-Key Guitar Master" –NY Times

Performs with elegance, virtuosity, and wit.

With hula master "kumu hula" Moanalani Beamer

ARTS NORTHWEST SHOWCASE, MON OCT 8



LED KAAPANA

NEA National Heritage Fellow & multiple Na Hoku Awards

"master slack key guitarist." –NY Times

"... a flat out genius at just about any stringed instrument that can be finger-picked." --Honolulu Advertiser



GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR. & MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC

4 Grammy's!

"Virtuosic keepers of a cultural flame" – NY Times

"mixing dialogue with passionate renderings of material" —LA Times

Three Masters, featured regularly at Maui's renowned "Slack Key Show®"

MASTERS TOURS 2019-20: GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR WITH

LED KAAPANA & KAWIKA KAHIAPO; NATHAN AWEAU & JEFF PETERSON; DANIEL HO



MAKANA

"...a textbook illustration of slack-key style...dazzling." NY Times

"impressive stage presence and jewel box precision... a master, for certain...with sizzling showmanship." -Honolulu Advertiser

Slack Key Legacy Award, 3 Na Hoku Awards



JEFF PETERSON

4-time Best Slack Key Award!

2018 Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn Award

"...his style exquisite...Brilliant" -- Honolulu Advertiser

"An exceptionally talented guitarist, in a variety of styles from jazz and classical to slack key" --Maui News

ARTS NORTHWEST SHOWCASE, MON OCT 8



ISLAND HARMONIES



PAULA FUGA

Na Hoku -Most Promising Artist Award!

"...an uncommonly gorgeous voice and holds notes that wrap around a listener like a mother's embrace." -- Variety

Soul, reggae & jazz-infused lyrics, with 'ukulele, championed by Jack Johnson



RAIATEA HELM

2x Grammy nominee, 9 Na Hoku Awards, Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn

"[She] sings in the high-voiced throwback leo ki'eki'e [Hawaiian falsetto] style ... poised and utterly elegant." –New York Times

Hawaiian vocal phenom, known for her remarkable pure, clear voice in Hawaiian falsetto and cabaret style; with 3-pc band



OWANA SALAZAR

2 Na Hoku Awards

"an acknowledged Hawaiian favorite...a delightful, lilting journey"

Gorgeous vocals, the only known female steel player in Hawai'i, among the few wahine (female) slack key players. Hawaiian royal descent.



SHAWN & LEHUA

28 Na Hoku Awards between them. Lehua: Native Arts & Cultures Award

Shawn Pimental and Lehua Kalima - Hawaiian musicians, singers, songwriters - have joined forces to create Hawaiian and folk-inflected original songs pairing Lehua's soaring vocals and with Shawn's harmonies



WAIPUNA

7 Na Hoku Awards!

"... the art of Hawaiian poetry in song."

Kale Hannahs, Matthew Sproat, and David Kamakahi, from illustrious Hawaiian music families, feature gorgeous harmonies, dynamite guitar, dazzling 'ukulele, and lively performance

TAIKO MASTER



KENNY ENDO TAIKO

"an incredibly dynamic style of performing...literally breathtaking." – Grateful Web

"...the concert was absolutely amazing." – Lafayette College

KENNY ENDO CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE - trailblazing innovator in Japanese taiko, adventurous, nuanced, brilliant!

DANCE & HULA



HĀLAU O KEKUI

NEA National Heritage Fellows & Hawaiian Living Treasures

Vigorous, bombastic style of hula that springs from the eruptive volcano personae Pele and Hi'iaka, Hawai'i Island's creative forces

Nalani Kanaka'ole, & Huihui Kanahale Mossman, kumu hula (Artistic Dir)



HĀLAU HULA KA NO'EAU, Michael Pili Pang, kumu hula (Artistic Dir.)

"...the dancers give us a sense of journeying, of different landscapes and change of mood...the women get juicier as they move..." -Village Voice.

Authentic hula, ancient traditions to modern times



OKAREKA DANCE, IN MANA WAHINE (POWERFUL WOMEN)

"a rich fusion of choreography, music, tikanga Maori ["the Maori way"]... enriched and enlivened by the dancing of five powerhouse performers."

"...exploration of the strength, the spirit, and primal beauty of woman... one of the best contemporary dance performances we have seen in years"

--NZ Herald



SPOKEN WORD



KEALOHA

Hawai'i's First Poet Laureate, "Legend of Slam Poetry"

"thoughtful and provocative...mixing the funny with the serious..."

"one-man poetry movement... mindfulness and positivity in art, and openness of spirit."

◆ Full-evening epic poetry, music & dance **The Story of Everything** – from Big Bang to human evolution to living sustainably



KATHY YOGI COLLINS

"The crowd erupted, the roof lifted, they were hers." - Talk Story Festival;

"sidesplittingly funny...soulful, tender, attuned to island life." -Maui News

Hawaiian Tales & Comic Monologues. Great for Storytelling Series & festivals, children's programming, education projects and more

Share Aloha at the Conferences!

<http://pasifika-artists.com/>

- WAA, Las Vegas NV, Aug 26-30, 2018, Booth 408
- Arts Midwest, Indianapolis IN, Sep 5-8, 2018, Booth 334A
- Arts Northwest, Eugene OR, Oct 8-11, 2018, Booth 23A
- APAP, New York NY, Jan 4-8, 2019, Booth 115 Rhineland
- ISPA, New York NY, Jan 9, 2019, Pro-Ex