

# PASIFIKA ARTISTS NETWORK ROSTER



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AWARD-WINNING PERFORMERS FROM HAWAI'I AND THE PACIFIC

## PACIFIC ROOTS



### KAUMAKAIWA KANAKA'OLE

*"The voice of Hawai'i'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 indigenous singer/songwriters fuse cultural roots & instruments with memorable songs, lyrics



### 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

**Winner - 2 Grammys (Regional Roots) – 2017, 2019**

*"...a gorgeous voice and a flair for composing... major, innovative figure in contemporary Hawaiian music."*—Maui News

Perpetuating Hawaiian culture and have you rockin' in your seat!

**WAA AIP (Advancing Indigenous Performance) Showcase, WAA/Arts MW 2020**



### HENRY KAPONO & HIS DUKES ON SUNDAY BAND

*"Kapono is one of the great island songwriters of his generation."* -Honolulu

**14 Na Hoku Awards!** Hawaiian music legend & **Grammy Nominee**

celebrates his signature laid-back island rock that propelled him to fame with as Cecilio & Kapono (C&K)

**ALSO TOURS WITH KEOLA BEAMER ("LEGENDS" TOUR)**

## GUITAR & 'UKULELE MASTERS



### GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR. & MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC

**Winner - 4 Grammys!**

*"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 OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC TOURS WITH SOME OF THE BEST IN THE ISLANDS



### JEFF PETERSON

**4-time Best Slack Key Award! 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

TOURS WITH KEOLA BEAMER, AND WITH GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR



### KEOLA BEAMER, WITH HULA MASTER "KUMU HULA" MOANALANI BEAMER

**Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame, 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.

ALSO TOURS WITH HENRY KAPONO ("LEGENDS" TOUR) AND WITH JEFF PETERSON



### 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



### MAKANA

**Slack Key Legacy Award, 3 Na Hoku Awards**

*"a dynamic force...dazzling."* NY Times, *"evocative, timeless..."* – NPR Music

*"jewel box precision... sizzling showmanship."* –Honolulu Advertiser

New show shares stories, culture, and songs direct from the legendary Masters who mentored him.



### 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

Talented multi-instrumentalist with a gorgeous voice (the voice of Hapa for 7 years)

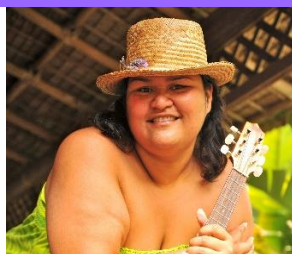
## ISLAND HARMONIES



### KULAIWI

**Over 40 Na Hoku Awards among them.**

LEHUA KALIMA, SHAWN PIMENTAL, KAWIKA KAHIAPO, JOE BERINOBIS – Original songs with deep Hawaiian roots, soaring vocals & harmonies, inspired by *kulaiwi* - “land of my ancestors”. With hula dancer PONO FERNANDEZ.



### 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

Hawaiian soul, reggae & jazz-infused songs, with ‘ukulele (a Jack Johnson favorite)



### 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, with remarkable pure 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”**

Of Hawaiian royal lineage. Gorgeous vocals, the only known female steel player in Hawai`i, among the few *wahine* (female) slack key players.



### WAIPUNA

**8 Na Hoku Awards!**

**“... the art of Hawaiian poetry in song.”**

Kale Hannahs, Matthew Sproat, and David Kamakahi, from illustrious Hawaiian music families --stunning harmonies, dazzling ‘ukulele, vibrant 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

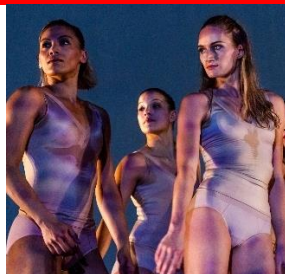
**Nalani Kanaka'ole, & Huihui Kanahale Mossman, kumu hula (Artistic Dir)**



### 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, monarchy lineage  
**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2021-22 season!**



### 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" --NZ Herald*



## SPOKEN WORD



### KEALOHA

**Hawai'i's First Poet Laureate, "Legend of Slam Poetry"**  
**Native Arts & Cultural Foundation Award**

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

*"one-man poetry movement... mindfulness, positivity, openness of spirit."*

◆ SOLO

◆ [THE STORY OF EVERYTHING](#) – from Big Bang to human evolution to living sustainably. Full-evening show of epic poetry, music & dance



### KATHY YOGI COLLINS

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

*"sidesplittingly funny...soulful, tender" -Maui News*

Hawaiian Tales & Comic Monologues, with roots in Hawaiian "pidgin".

Great for Storytelling Series & festivals, children's programming, education projects and more

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