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*PERFORMERS FROM HAWAI'I AND THE PACIFIC
– AWARD-WINNING, INDIGENOUS, CONTEMPORARY –*

PACIFIC ROOTS (NEW ZEALAND/AOTEAROA)



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, ...of woman" -*
-NZ Herald

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AOTEAROA'S FINEST:

MAISEY RIKA, HOROMONA HORO, SETH HAAPU, TROY KINGI

Winners of 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

2023-24



ISLAND CONTEMPORARY (HAWAI'I)



KALANI PE'A

3 Grammys! 3 Na Hoku's - Male Vocalist of the Year 2022!

"...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 Launchpad Artist (Advancing Indigenous Performance)



KULĀIWI – NATIVE LANDS

LEHUA KALIMA*, KAWIKA KAHIAPO, SHAWN PIMENTAL

4 Na Hoku's 2022! Over 40 Na Hoku Awards among them.

Original songs with deep Hawaiian roots, soaring vocals & harmonies, inspired by *kulaiwi* - "land of my ancestors".

With hula dancer PONO FERNANDEZ

**Native Arts & Cultures Foundation Award*



PAULA FUGA

3 Na Hoku's -Female Vocalist of the Year 2022!

"...uncommonly gorgeous voice ... that wrap around a listener like a mother's embrace." – Variety. "Hawaiian Queen of Soul" -Maui News

Hawaiian, reggae, & R&B-infused original songs. Backed by 'ukulele & band.

Newly signed to Jack Johnson's Brushfire Records

GUITAR & 'UKULELE MASTERS - GROUPS



GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR. & MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC

4-time Grammy Winner!

"Virtuosic keepers of a cultural flame" – NY Times

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

Three Masters, some of the best in the Islands, featured regularly at Maui's renowned "Slack Key Show®"



LEGENDS: 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.

"an exceptional musician." – Paul Simon.

"Quintessential Slack-Key Master" -NY TIMES

Performs with elegance, virtuosity, and wit.

TOURS WITH HENRY KAPONO, JEFF PETERSON



LEGENDS: HENRY KAPONO

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

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

celebrates his signature laid-back island rock that propelled him to fame as Cecilio & Kapono (C&K). **2023 celebrates 50th Anniv of C&K!**

TOURS WITH KEOLA BEAMER, DUKES ON SUNDAY BAND

GUITAR & 'UKULELE MASTERS - SOLOS



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

TOURS WITH GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC



JEFF PETERSON

15 Na Hoku's including Best Slack Key! NACF 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



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

Pūlama: Legacies of Hawai'i show shares stories, culture, and songs from the legendary Masters who mentored him.

TAIKO MASTER



KENNY ENDO CONTEMPORARY TAIKO ENSEMBLE

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

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

BREAKING THROUGH TRADITION TO INNOVATION, Kenny Endo has been a trailblazing innovator in Japanese taiko whose career embodies the evolution of taiko in the U.S. -- **adventurous, nuanced, brilliant!**

HAWAIIAN ROOTS – INSPIRING VOCALS



AMY HANAIALI'I

18 Na Hoku [Hawaiian Music] Awards!

"Her voice is rich, soulful... a captivating

entertainer." Admired worldwide for her unmatched vocal range, polished performances, and classic charm, she is the top selling female vocalist in Hawai'i



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



KAUMAKAIWA KANAKA'OLE

Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn Award, Na Hoku Awards

"The voice of Hawai'i's new generation"

"traditionalist tour de force" —New York Times

Powerful voices, deep Hawaiian cultural roots
With mother **KEKUIHI KANAKA'OLE** and **Shawn Pimental, guitar**



NATHAN AWEAU

Multiple Na Hoku Awards

"on electric bass and acoustic guitar,...an advanced

understanding of harmony and orchestration ...his singing style is effortless" —NY Times

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



RAIATEA HELM

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

"[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 Hawaiian falsetto vocals and music of the monarchy era (1800s); with chamber group

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)

FALL DATES



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

"...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. **25th Anniversary!**

SPOKEN WORD



KEALOHA

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

Native Arts & Cultures Foundation Award

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

◆ **SOLO**

◆ **THE STORY OF EVERYTHING** – Full-evening multi-media story of human – and planet earth's -- evolution



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

'UKULELE JAM BAND



KANEKOA

"The band is amazing" —Mick Fleetwood

"The Hawaiian Grateful Dead" —Bill Kreutzman, The Grateful Dead

One of Hawaii's premier live music experiences, playing what is described as "'ukulele-powered Hawaiian jam-rock"



SOUTH PACIFIC FUSION



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*