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

## PACIFIC ROOTS (AOTEAROA/ NEW ZEALAND)



### 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**... the strength, the spirit, of woman" --NZ Herald.*



### MAISEY RIKA, WITH HER BAND HOEA

*Winners of multiple Maori Music Awards!*

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

Leading indigenous singer/songwriter fuses cultural roots & instruments with memorable songs rooted in Māori life

## HAWAIIAN ROOTS – ISLAND CONTEMPORARY



### KALANI PE'A

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

*"...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**



### KULĀIWI – NATIVE LANDS

**LEHUA KALIMA, KAWIKA KAHIAPO, SHAWN PIMENTAL**

***4 Na Hoku's! Group of the Year!***

WITH HULA DANCER **PONO FERNANDEZ**. Powerful songs, deep Hawaiian roots, soaring vocals, inspired by *kulāiwi* - "land of my ancestors".

**2024-25 TOUR WITH KAUMAKAIWA KANAKA'OLE**



### 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 voice, deep Hawaiian cultural roots



### JOHN CRUZ

*"a great songwriter and a great singer." -- Jackson Browne*

Indigenous roots (*Hawaiian/Chamorro/Native American-Cherokee/Japanese/Caucasian*), one of the most talented artists to come from Hawai'i. Heartfelt melodies and passionate, soulful vocals



## GUITAR & 'UKULELE MASTERS - GROUPS



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

**4-time Grammy Winner!**

**"Virtuosic keepers of a cultural flame"** – NY Times

Slack key guitar & 'ukulele masters from Maui's renowned "Slack Key Show"®, the best in the Islands.



### **LEGENDS: KEOLA BEAMER**

WITH HULA MASTER "KUMU HULA" MOANALANI BEAMER

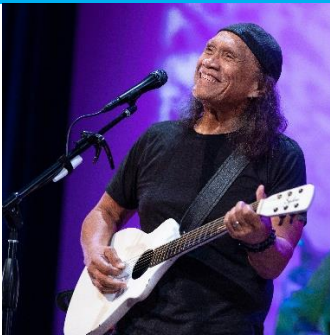
**Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame, Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn Award**

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

**"an exceptional musician."** – Paul Simon.

Performs with elegance, virtuosity, and wit.

**TOURS WITH HENRY KAPONO, JEFF PETERSON**



### **LEGENDS: HENRY KAPONO**

**21 Na Hoku Awards! Hawai'i's Entertainer of the Year!**

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

Hawaiian music legend with signature laid-back island rock that propelled him to fame as Cecilio & Kapono (C&K), now marking **50 years of iconic songs of C&K!**

**TOURS WITH KEOLA BEAMER**

## GUITAR & 'UKULELE MASTERS - SOLOS



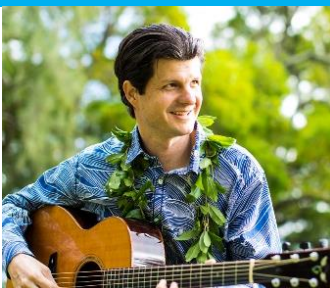
### **LED KAAPANA**

**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

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

Virtuosic guitar & vocals, he 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...breathtaking."* –

Grateful Web

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

**Tradition to Innovation**, trailblazing innovator in Japanese taiko whose career embodies the evolution of taiko in the U.S. -- **adventurous, nuanced, brilliant!**

## ISLAND CONTEMPORARY (HAWAI'I) – GORGEOUS VOCALS



### AMY HANAIALI'I

**18 Na Hoku [Hawaiian Music] Awards!**

*"Her voice is rich, soulful... a captivating entertainer."* --Maui News

Unmatched vocal range, classic charm, and a repertoire that embraces Hawaiian songs to showtunes to contemporary. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv of her original *Palehua*, world's most danced to hula song.



### PAULA FUGA

**3 Na Hoku's! Female Vocalist of the Year!**

*"...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. Signed to Jack Johnson's Brushfire Records



### 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 performances



### NATHAN AWEAU

**Multiple Na Hoku Awards! 4x Male Vocalist of the Year!**

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

Talented multi-instrumentalist with gorgeous honied vocals.



### RAIATEA HELM

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

*"[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)

## HULA



### HĀLAU O KEKUI

**NEA National Heritage Fellows & Hawaiian Living Treasures**

Vigorous, bombastic hula style 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 (Art. Dir)

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

Hawaiian monarchy lineage and dance styles, authentic hula, ancient traditions to modern times. **25<sup>th</sup> 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

WAA  
Showcase



### 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, Hawaiian "pidgin" stories. storytelling series/festivals, children's programs

## 'UKULELE JAM BAND



### KANEKOA

**"The band is amazing"** —Mick Fleetwood

**"The Hawaiian Grateful Dead"** —Bill Kreutzmann, The Grateful Dead  
One of Hawaii's premier live music experiences, playing "'ukulele-powered Hawaiian jam-rock"

NEW

## SOUTH PACIFIC FUSION



### TE VAKA

**2-time "Best Pacific Group", Disney's Moana Soundtrack**  
(animated & live)

**"A stereotype-smashing glimpse into the soul of the South seas"**  
**"...one of the greatest South Pacific bands of all time"** -Fiji Times

Multi-award winning Pacific fusion group