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WAA Showcase

Wed Aug 28

8:30 PM

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



KENNY ENDO CONTEMPORARY TAIKO ENSEMBLE

Celebrating 50 brilliant years in taiko with 2025-26 "2X25 Tour"! "an incredibly dynamic style of performing...breathtaking" "...**the concert was absolutely amazing."** – Lafayette College Trailblazing innovator in Japanese taiko & standard-bearer at the forefront of taiko in the U.S. for 50 years!

HAWAIIAN ROOTS & ISLAND CONTEMPORARY

KALANI PE'A



3 Grammys! Male Vocalist of the Year! 3 Na Hoku Awards! "...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 *kulaiwi* - "land of my ancestors". TOUR WITH KAUMAKAIWA KANAKA'OLE



Kaumakaiwa Kanaka'ole

Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn & Na Hoku Awards "The voice of Hawai'i's new generation" "traditionalist tour de force" –New York Times Powerful voice, deep Hawaiian cultural roots



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.

UKULELE JAM BAND



Κανεκοά

"The band is amazing" — Mick Fleetwood

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

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GUITAR & 'UKULELE MASTERS





GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR. & MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC

4-time Grammy Winner!

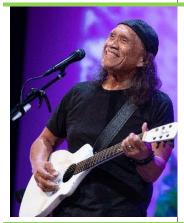
"Virtuosic keepers of a cultural flame" – NY Times Slack key guitar & 'ukulele masters from Maui's renowned "Slack Key Show"[®], the best in the Islands.



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." "...the most prolific and profound island entertainer of his era" Hawaiian music legend with signature laid-back island rock that propelled him to fame as Cecilio & Kapono (C&K).

TOURS WITH KEOLA BEAMER



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 Tours with Mike Kaawa



JEFF PETERSON

16 Na Hoku Awards 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.

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WAIPUNA

9 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

ISLAND CONTEMPORARY (HAWAI'I) - ISLAND CLASSICS



RAIATEA HELM

10 Na Hoku Awards, Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn
"[She] sings in the high-voiced throwback leo ki'eki'e [Hawaiian falsetto] ... poised and utterly elegant." –New York Times
4x Female Vocalist of the Year. Remarkable, pure voice & falsetto.
"Legacy" project celebrates 19th & early 20th century songs, poetry, emotions of a once flourishing independent Hawaiian nation -- music that influenced country, bluegrass, folk, blues.



<u>Amy Hanaiali'i</u>

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 contemporary. Celebrating her original *Palehua*, world's most danced to hula song.



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



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.

ISLAND CONTEMPORARY (AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND)



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 & culture

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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.

"such a fabulous performance, and company!" - Dance Victoria



HĀLAU O KEKUHI 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 Kanahele Mossman, kumu hula (Artistic Dir)



HALAU 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. Celebrating 25 years!

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

 <u>THE STORY OF EVERYTHING</u> – 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, Hawaiian "pidgin" stories. storytelling series/festivals, children's programs

Share Aloha at the Conferences!

- WAA, Aug 26-29,2024, San Diego CA Booth 207
- MAX, Sep 16-19, 2024, Indianapolis IN Booth 304
- APAP, Jan 10-14, 2025, New York NY Booth 183 Rhinelander
- ISPA, Jan 15, 2025, New York NY Pro-Ex



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