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



## TAIKO MASTER



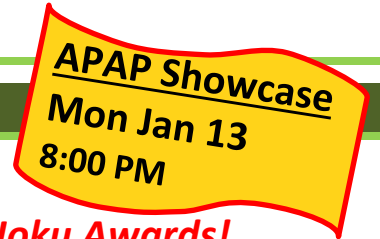
### KENNY ENDO CONTEMPORARY TAIKO 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIV.

*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 VOCALS



### KALANI PE'A

*3 Grammys! Male Vocalist of the Year! 5 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**



### KULAIWI

**LEHUA KALIMA, KAWIKA KAHIAPO, SHAWN PIMENTAL** WITH HULA DANCER **PONO FERNANDEZ**. *4 Na Hoku's! Group of the Year!*

Powerful songs, deep Hawaiian roots, soaring vocals, inspired by *kulaiwi* - "land of my ancestors".

**TOURS 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



### KANEKOA – 'UKULELE JAM BAND

*"The band is amazing" –Mick Fleetwood*

*"The Hawaiian Grateful Dead" –Bill Kreutzmann, The Grateful Dead*

Playing "'ukulele-powered Hawaiian jam-rock", they shred on 'ukulele fusing reggae, blues, funk, Hawaiian, & island music

GUITAR & 'UKULELE MASTERS



**KALA'E + KALENA, PREMIER HAWAIIAN COUNTRY DUO**

*"Native Hawaiian country music? Kala'e is right at the vanguard of this form."* --Grammy.com/news



Dynamic husband-wife duo sing high energy country classics, soul-stirring originals, powerful ballads with irresistible charm & sublime harmonies



**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.

**TOURS: DANIEL HO & TIA CARRERE (FALL 2025)**

**LED KAAPANA & SONNY LIM (SPRING 2026)**



**LEGENDS: KEOLA BEAMER**

WITH HULA MASTER "KUMU HULA" MOANALANI BEAMER

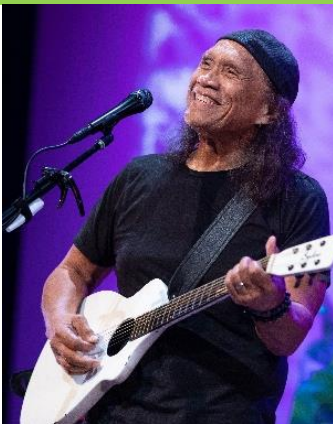
**Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame, Native Arts & Cultures Fndtn Award**

*"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**

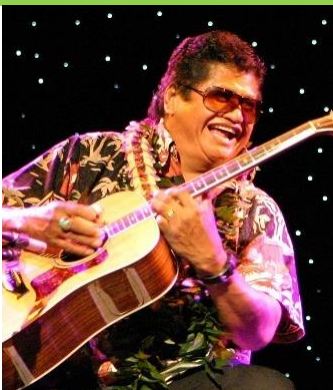
**21 Na Hoku Awards! Hawai'i's Entertainer of the Year!**

*"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: GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR./MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC**

**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, GEORGE KAHUMOKU JR**





**WAIPUNA**

**9 Na Hoku Awards!**

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

**KALE HANNAHS, MATTHEW SPROAT, AND DAVID KAMAKAHI**, with roots in illustrious Hawaiian music families –stunning vocal harmonies, dazzling ‘ukulele, vibrant performances

**ISLAND CONTEMPORARY TO CLASSICS – HAWAI‘I**



**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 & Hawaiian falsetto. **"Legacy"** project revives 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century music of once flourishing independent Hawaiian nation, music that influenced American country, bluegrass, folk, blues.



**AMY HANAIALI‘I**

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

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

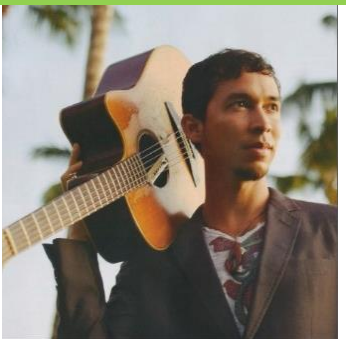
Unmatched vocal range, classic charm, and a repertoire that embraces Hawaiian to contemporary, she explores her Hawaiian and European roots in song.



**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



**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.

**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

DANCE & HULA



**OKĀREKA DANCE (NZ) IN *MANA WAHINE* & *VOLCANIC DEITIES* --NEW PROJECT WITH HAWAI'I'S**



**TAU DANCE THEATER**, multi-media collage of powerful dance, chant, music, and imagery by two contemporary indigenous dance companies rooted in their cultural traditions of Aotearoa and Hawai'i, celebrating literal and figurative foundational epics *"such a fabulous performance, and company!"* – Dance Victoria



**HĀLAU O KEKUIHI**

**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. 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

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

Share Aloha at the Conferences!

• APAP, Jan 10-14, 2025, New York NY – Booth 183 Rhinelander

• ISPA, Jan 15, 2025, New York NY – Pro-Ex

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