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2021 AWARDS SHOW

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021

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AWARDS PROGRAM

PRE-SHOW AWARDS

Liner Notes Award

Presented by John Berger

Graphics Award

Presented by John Berger

Engineering Award—Hawaiian

Presented by John Berger

Engineering Award—General

Presented by John Berger

Metal Album of the Year

Presented by Gregory Dunn

Hip Hop Album of the Year

Presented by Ben Gutierrez

Rock Album of the Year

Presented by Ben Gutierrez

Contemporary Acoustic Album of the Year

Presented by Ben Gutierrez

Alternative Album of the Year

Presented by Ben Gutierrez

Religious Album of the Year

Presented by Ben Gutierrez

Anthology Album of the Year

Presented by George Kuo

Hawaiian Slack Key Album of the Year

Presented by George Kuo

Christmas Single of the Year (new)

Presented by George Kuo

Christmas Album of the Year

Presented by George Kuo

Kī Hō'alu Foundation Legacy Award

Presented by Milton Lau

Moe Keale "Aloha Is"

Award for Community Service

Presented by Carol Keale

SHOW AWARDS

★ **PERFORMANCE: MANA MUSIC QUARTET**

★ **PERFORMANCE: KEILANA AND
ZEO WORSHIP**

Instrumental Composition of the Year

*Presented by Christine Kubota,
Kiyohiro Tagawa, and
Consul General of Japan Yutaka Aoki
Kintetsu International Hawaii Company*

Instrumental Album of the Year

*Presented by Kiyohiro Tagawa,
Christine Kubota, and
Consul General of Japan Yutaka Aoki
Kintetsu International Hawaii Company*

International Album

Special Recognition Awards

Presented by Alan Okami, KoAloha Ukulele

★ **PERFORMANCE: KIMIE MINER,
HAKU KEIKI, AND TAIMANE GARDNER**

Jazz Album of the Year

*Presented by Duke Ah Moo,
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Waikiki Beach Resort*

R & B Album of the Year

Presented by Siena Agudong

'Ukulele Album of the Year

*Presented by Duke Ah Moo,
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Waikiki Beach Resort*

Reggae Album of the Year

Presented by Siena Agudong

★ **PERFORMANCE: EKOLU
AND LUKELA KEALA**

Contemporary Album of the Year

*Presented by Cheryl Ann Vierra,
Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra*

Hawaiian Music Video of the Year

*Presented by Cheryl Ann Vierra,
Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra*

Music Video of the Year

*Presented by Ka'ohinani Daniels,
Queen Lili'uokalani Trust*

*** VIDEO PRESENTATION:
HÖKŪ HISTORY—WITH BILLY V**

*** PERFORMANCE: HO'OKENA AND
STACIE KU'ULEI**

Hawaiian EP Release of the Year

*Presented by Shannon Scott,
Hawaiian 105 KINE Radio*

EP Release of the Year

*Presented by Mele Apana,
Hawaiian 105 KINE Radio*

Hawaiian Single of the Year

Presented by Amy Hill

Single of the Year

Presented by Amy Hill

*** PERFORMANCE: IOLANI KAMAUU
AND NATALIE AI KAMAUU**

Island Music Album of the Year

*Presented by Luana Maitland,
Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort*

Most Promising Artist of the Year

Presented by Dane Fujiwara and Ei Nei

Compilation Album of the Year

*Presented by Luana Maitland,
Dane Fujiwara and Ei Nei*

*** PERFORMANCE: TRIBUTE TO
DJ PRATT AND KALAPANA**

Hawaiian Language Performance Award

*Presented by Kamakalīkolehua Ligon,
'Aha Pūnana Leo, with Analu Pang, and
Amalu Hopkins*

Haku Mele Award

Presented by Puakea Nogelmeier

Hawaiian Album of the Year

*Presented by Makalapua Casson-Fisher,
Papa Ola Lōkahi*

*** PERFORMANCE: HENRY KAPONO**

Group of the Year

*Presented by Consul General of Japan,
Yutaka Aoki, Christine Kubota,
and Kiyohiro Tagawa, Kintetsu International
Hawaii Company*

Most Promising Artist of the Year

Presented by Paula Akana, Iolani Palace

*** PERFORMANCE:
KAINANI KAHAUNAELE**

Male Vocalist of the Year

Presented by Josh Tatofi

Female Vocalist of the Year

Presented by Josh Tatofi

*** PERFORMANCE: NATHAN AWEAU**

*** PERFORMANCE: KAPENA AND
KALAE PARISH**

Song of the Year

*Presented by Kūhiō Lewis,
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement*

Album of the Year

*Presented by Kūhiō Lewis,
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement*

*** PERFORMANCE: HAWAI'I ALOHA
KAPENA-URIAH AND PSALMS DELIMA**

TALLY SHEET

PRE-SHOW AWARDS

LINER NOTES AWARD

Best achievement in album annotation.

- **Duane DeSoto, Chantelle Kapua & Kimie Miner** for *Children of the Sea*–Haku Keiki (Haku Records)
- **Kainani Kaunaele** for *Waipunalei*–Kainani Kahaunaele (Māhuahua Music LLC)
- **Aaron Mahi** for *Queen Lili'uokalani*–Mana Music Quartet (Mana Music Hawai'i)
- **Līhau Paik** for *Far Away*–Patrick Landeza (Addison Street)
- **U'ilani Tanigawa Lum & Zachary Lum** for *Huliāmahi, Vol. 1*–Various Artists (Kuahuli Leo Le'a)

GRAPHICS AWARD

Best achievement in album cover design.

- **Jason Antonio, Duane DeSoto & Kimie Miner** for *Children of the Sea*–Haku Keiki (Haku Records)
- **Zach Manzano** for *82FIFTY*–82FIFTY (Audio Ramen)
- **Zach Manzano** for *Inspiration*–Darrell Aquino (Mana Recordings)
- **Yuko Porter** for *'Ukulele Life*–Herb Ohta, Jr. (Lele Music Productions)
- **Elsa Senner** for *Sway*–Tavana (Tavana)

ENGINEERING AWARD—HAWAIIAN CATEGORY

Best achievement in sound recordings for recording of Hawaiian music styles.

- **Michael Casil** for *Lei Makamae*–Makamae Auwae (Soulforth Records)
- **Michael Casil & Wailau Ryder** for *Kahekeonāpua*–Kamaka Kukona (Hanu)
- **Michael Grande** for *Huliāmahi, Vol. 1*–Various Artists (Kāhuli Leo Le'a)
- **Michael Grande** for *Lei Nāhonoapi'ilani: Nā Mele Hou*–Various Artists (North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund)
- **Michael Grande** for *Waipunalei*–Kainani Kahaunaele (Māhuahua Music LLC)

ENGINEERING AWARD—GENERAL CATEGORY

Best achievement in sound recording in all other genre recordings.

-**Michael Casil** for *From the Inside*—Kalo (Kalo DeLeon)
-**Imua Garza** for *Chroma (Vol.1)*—Sean Cleland (Sean Cleland Music LLC)
-**Imua Garza, Nate Brown & Evan Khay** for *I Am*—Keilani (Zeo Music)
-**Imua Garza, Nate Brown & Evan Khay** for *In the Wilderness*—Rachel Morley (Zeo Music Worship)
-**Dave Tucciarone, Daniel Gilad & Gaylord Holomalia** for *Henry's House*—Henry Kapono (Kapono Records)

METAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of music in a metal style.

-**King of Anarchy**—Abysmia (Tin Idol Productions)
-**Dia De Los Muertos**—The Midnight Skulls (Tin Idol Productions)
-**Poisoned Love**—Storm (Tin Idol Productions)

HIP HOP ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance in a Hip Hop Style.

-**From Beneath Maunakea**—Punahele (Punahele)
-**Rage With Sage**—Sage Atom (1379859 Records DK)
-**Shore Lines**—Sans + Ohtoro (Zenbu Records)
-**The Kings' Lessons Volume One**—Doctabarz (Zenbu Records)
-**Tidying Up**—Ohtoro (Zenbu Records)

ROCK

Best performance in a Hip Hop Style.

-**82FIFTY**—82FIFTY (Audio Ramen)
-**Diamond Head Road**—Michael Piranha (Tubby Tunes Records)
-**Judgement Day**—Granite Saints (The Granite Saints)
-**Play That Disco**—Average Joes (Play That Disco Productions)
-**YumYum Beast**—YumYum Beast (no label listed)

CONTEMPORARY ACOUSTIC ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance in a contemporary style and predominantly utilizing acoustic instruments.

- **Endless Shore**–Frank Ka'ano'i (Frank Ka'ano'i Music)
- **First Dance**–Kaleo Phillips (Maui Tribe Records)
- **Ku'u Wahi Pili**–Rama Camarillo (no label listed)
- **Malia**–Jimmy Burgess (Jimmy Burgess Music)
- **We Will Rise**–Anthony Pfluke (Maui Anthony LLC)

ALTERNATIVE ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of alternative music.

- **Chroma (Vol. 1)**–Sean Cleland (Sean Cleland Music LLC)
- **Feels Like Home**–Dustin Pacleb (Dustin Pacleb)
- **In Memory Of You**–Layla Kilolu (no label listing)
- **Pohaku Motu**–Ka'imi Hanono'eau (Lo'ihi Inc.)
- **Sanya**–Sanya (no label listed)

RELIGIOUS ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of religious material.

- **Aftermath**–Ben Kama (Ke Akua Mele Productions)
- **Ho'onani**–Zeo Worship (Zeo Music Worship)
- **In the Wilderness**–Rachel Morley (Zeo Music Worship)
- **Inspiration**–Darrell Aquino (Mana Recordings)
- **Nā Halelū**–Kenneth Makuakāne (Makuakāne Music)

ANTHOLOGY ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Producer's award. Best album of previously released material.

- **Anthology Album**–Tropical Knights (KDE Records) Kapena DeLima, producer
- **Tear Down The Walls**–Dennis & Christy Soares (Elation Records) Dennis Soares, producer
- **Through The Decades an Anthology 1980–2020**–Darrell Aquino (Daddy Leopard Records) Darrell Aquino, Michelle Aquino & Lance Aquino producers
- **Trilogy**–SIN73 (Tin Idol Productions) Gerald K. Gonsalves Darren Soliven & Jimmy Catherine, producers

HAWAIIAN SLACK KEY ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of slack key or vocals with slack key accompaniment.

- **Far Away**–Patrick Landeza (Addison Street)
- **Resilience**–Lance Takamiya (no label listed)
- **Slack Key Ladyland**–Cindy Combes (PULE2020)

CHRISTMAS SINGLE

- **Angels We Have Heard on High**–Darrell Aquino (Mana Recordings)
- **Christmas Day**–Tarvin Makia featuring Natalie Ai Kamuu (no label listed)
- **Christmas Joy**–Staci Ku'ulei (Ku'ulei Productions)
- **Christmas Lū'au**–Kimie Miner & Paula Fuga (Haku Records)
- **O Holy Night**–Kalani Pe'a (Pe'a Records & Entertainment)

CHRISTMAS ALBUM

- **A Ku Kama Christmas**–Keoni Ku & Ben Kama (Ke Akua Mele Productions)
- **Christmas Aloha**–Michael Chock (Seawind Productions)
- **Kaori Kawabuchi Christmas Piano Album**–Kaori Kawabuchi (THP)
- **Kapena: A Kapena Family Christmas Special**–Kapena (KDE Records)

AWARDS

INSTRUMENTAL COMPOSITION OF THE YEAR

Best achievement in creating a first-time recorded instrumental composition.

- **Brave** by Kris Fuchigami from the single *Brave* (Kris Fuchigami)
- **Hinano** by Kaleo Phillips from *First Dance* (Maui Tribe Records)
- **Morning Sun** by David Kamakahi from *Ku'u Lei Aloha*–Waipuna (Poki Records)
- **Moving Forward** by Herb Ohta, Jr. from *'Ukulele Life* (Lele Music Productions)
- **See You Soon** by Kimo Kahoano & Kamuela Kahoano from *Where the Sand Meets the Sea* (Green Light Go HI Productions)

INSTRUMENTAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best instrumental performance.

- **2020 Vision Instrumentals**–Inna Vision (Roots Musician Records)
- **Fuse**–Brent Magstadt (Slippina Disc)
- **Queen Lili'uokalani**–The Mana Music Quartet (Mana Music Hawai'i)
- **Sweet Gold**–Lani Park (Gold Star Records)
- **The Oceans of My Mind**–Dennis Soares (Elation Records)
- **Village Eater**–Men in Grey Suits (no label listed)

INTERNATIONAL ALBUM SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

- **BEATing!**–Alvis Chiu (Wind Music International Corporation)
- **Leolani**–Kaulana (Kaulana Entertainment)
- **Manalani**–Mana Leone Hasegawa (Mana Leo Productions)
- **Mercy! Mercy! Mercy!**–Ukulele Swing Trio (JB Music)
- **Palette**–Rikuya (Ukulele Paina Records)

JAZZ ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best jazz performance.

- **Jazz Vignettes**–Pierre Grill (RVR Records)
- **Muse**–Jesse Snyder (Mana Music & Media)
- **Thomas MacKey Presents Vibra Cubana, A Tribute to Cal Tjader**–Thomas MacKay (no label listed)
- **Your Refrain**–Maggie Herron (Herron Song Records)

R&B ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of music in a R&B style.

- **I Am**–Keilana (Zeo Music)
- **The Blues with Sweet Mama Dee and Mama's Boys**–Sweet Mama Dee (756 Mt. Clair Prods)
- **Train of Thought**–Karlie G (KGM Productions)

'UKULELE ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best 'ukulele performance.

..... **Beginning Today**—Christopher Trietsch (Christopher Trietsch)

..... **Evolv3**—Andrew Molina (Shadow Uke Music)

..... **'Ukulele Life**—Herb Ohta, Jr. (Lele Music Productions)

REGGAE ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best reggae performance.

..... **2020**—Ekolu (Waiehu Records)

..... **2020 Vision**—Inna Vision (Roots Musician Records)

..... **Looking Forward**—Lady Patrice (Unicorn Productions 808)

..... **The Breakthrough**—Maoli (Awong Entertainment LLC)

CONTEMPORARY ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance in a contemporary style and predominantly utilizing electric and/or electronic instruments.

..... **Danny & Rene**—Danny Kaleikini & Rene Paulo (Ming Pur Records)

..... **Henry's House**—Henry Kaponi (Kaponi Records)

..... **Renaissance—Vol. 1**—Sandy Essman (Tin Idol Productions)

..... **Sway**—Tavana (Tavana)

..... **Take Me Home**—Connie Cruz (Zeo Music)

HAWAIIAN MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR

Best performance of Hawaiian music and video containing on one or two music tracks.

..... **E Pili Mai**—Koa (Koa); Koa Osurman, video director; Keo Osurman, Shawn Pao & Mailani MakaiʻŌna, music producers

..... **Hanaka'o'o**—Iwalani Ho'omanawanui Apo (North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund); Chelsie Machado & Jon Spenser, video directors; Nicholas Keali'i Lum, music producer

..... **I Love You (E Pili Mau)**—Kalani Pe'a (Sony Music Inc./Pe'a Records & Entertainment); Allan B. Cool, video director; Kalani Pe'a music producer

..... **Ku'u Mele Aloha 'Aina**—Kaleo Phillips (Mo'olele Hui Hana Keaka); Ketch Johnson, video director; Kaleo Phillips, Michael Casil & Wailau Ryder, music producers

..... **Mele Inoa No Kele**—Kaleo Phillips (Mo'olele Hui Hana Keaka); Ketch Johnson, video director; Kaleo Phillips, Michael Casil & Wailau Ryder, music producers

..... **Worldwide #Jam4MaunaKea-Kū Ha'aheo & Hawai'i Loa**—Mana Maoli (Mana Maoli); Mitch Viernes, video director; Kelii Heath-Cruz, music producer

MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR

Best performance of music and video containing on one or two music tracks.

- **Hawai'i Nui Kuauli**–Mailani Maka'ina'i (Mailani Hawai'i LLC);
Mailani Maka'ina'i & Cody Matsuda, video directors & music producers
- **My Reason**–Maoli (Awong Entertainment LLC);
Josh Tatofi, video director & music producer
- **Noelani**–Iolani Kamauu & Natalie Ai Kamauu (Keko Records LLC);
Justyn Ah Chong, video director; Kapena DeLima, music producer
- **O Holy Night**–Kalani Pe'a (Pe'a Records & Entertainment);
Allan B. Cool, video director; Kalani Pe'a, music producer
- **There Was Jesus**–Nāpua Greig & Damon Williams (Pihana Productions);
Kenji Dubois & Glenn Alonzo video directors; Nāpua Greig, music producer

HAWAIIAN EP OF THE YEAR

Best achievement of an extended play release, with 75% of the tracks in the Hawaiian language.

- **A Timeless Hymn (Hawaiian Version)**–Ben Kama (Ke Akua Mele Productions)
- **'Eha**–Christy Leina'ala Lassiter (Christy Leina'ala Lassiter)
- **He Mele No Papa**–Kalani Miles (Mea Nui Records LLC)
- **Lei Makamae**–Makamae Auwae (Soulforth Records)

EXTENDED PLAY (EP) OF THE YEAR

Best achievement of an extended play release.

- **'Emanu'ela**–Zeo Worship (Zeo Worship Music)
- **Just Be You**–Tavana (Tavana)
- **Watahs Rising-High Watah Music**–High Watah (HIFI Records/Revive The Live Records)
- **Where I Reside**–Kala'e (Kala'e)
- **Where The Sand Meets The Sea**–Kimo Kahoano & Kamuela Kahoano
(Green Light Go HI Productions)

HAWAIIAN SINGLE OF THE YEAR

Best-recorded performance of a Hawaiian song released as a single in either physical (CD) or digital format.

- **Eia Mai 'o Hau'ula**–Waipuna (Poki Records)
- **Ka Mele 'O Ke Anuenue**–Darrell Aquino (Mana Recordings)
- **My Sweet**–Iolani & Natalie Ai Kamauu (Keko Records LLC)
- **Nopu Ka Mana'o**–Hāwane Rios (Saddle Road Productions)
- **Uilani**–Lukela Keala (Waiehu Records)

SINGLE OF THE YEAR

Best recorded performance of a song released as a single in either physical (CD) or digital format.

- **Hawa'i Nui Kuauli**–Mailani Maka'īna'i (Mailani Hawai'i LLC)
- **Light Me Up**–Kapena (KDE Records)
- **My Reason**–Maoli (Awong Entertainment)
- **Noelani**–Iolani & Natalie Ai Kamauu (Keko Records LLC)
- **There Was Jesus**–Nāpua Greig & Damon Williams (Pihana Productions)
- **Your Song Plays On**–Lehua Kalima (Kalima Music LLC)

ISLAND MUSIC ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best contemporary performance of music of or about Hawai'i.

- **Big Island Soul**–Dennis & Christy Soares (Elation Records)
- **Bring Aloha**–Janet Fisher (Goodnight Kiss Records)
- **Children of the Sea (Nā Kama Kai)**–Haku Keiki (Haku Records)
- **Ku'u Lei Aloha**–Waipuna (Poki Records)
- **Live At Aloha Station**–Pandanus Club (Makuakāne Music)
- **Lukela Keala**–Lukela Keala (Waiehu Records)

MOST PROMISING ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Best first-recorded effort as a featured artist or group.

- **Bronson Aiwohi** for *Movin'* (Bronson Aiowhi LLC)
- **High Watah** for *Watahs Rising* (HIFI Records/Revive The Live Records)
- **Ka Pilina** for *Nā Wahi Pana* (Ahumanu Records)
- **Keilana** for *I Am* (Zeo Music)
- **Makamae Auwae** for *Lei Makamae* (Soulforth Records)
- **The Mana Music Quartet** for *Queen Lili'uokalani* (Mana Music Hawai'i)

COMPILATION ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Producer's award. Best performance of newly released material by a minimum of three distinct artists.

- **All in This Together**—Cindy Paulos & Friends (Practicing Aloha); Cindy Paulos, producer
- **Aloha & Mahalo II**—Various Artists (Sony Music Japan); Linda Bade, Imua Garza, Lock Lynch & Kamuela Kahoano, producers
- **Huliāmahi Vol. I**—Various Artists (Kāhuli Leo Le'a); Zachary Alaka'i Lum, producer
- **Lei Nāhonoapi'ilani**—Nā Mele Hou—Various Artists (North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund); Zachary Alaka'i Lum & Nicholas Keali'li Lum, producers
- **Live From the Empty Palace 2020**—Various Artists (Empty Palace Productions); Phillips Payson, Zoe Eisenberg, Drew Daniels & Pepe Romero, producers
- **Together, Words and Music**—Cindy Paulos & Friends (Practicing Aloha); Cindy Paulos, producer

HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE PERFORMANCE AWARD

Best performance of Hawaiian music.

- **Ho'okena** for *Meant To Be* (Huliau LLC)
- **Ka Pilina** for *Nā Wahi Pana* (Ahumanu Records)
- **Kainani Kahaunale** for *Waipunalei* (Māhuahua Music LLC)
- **Kamaka Kukona** for *Kahekeonāpua* (Hanu)
- **Waipuna** for *Ku'u Lei Aloha* (Poki Records)

HAKU MELE AWARD

Composer's award. Best first-release song or chant primarily in the Hawaiian language.

- **Ahulau Ka Pi'ipi'i I Kakanilua** by Frank Ka'iuokalani Damas & Keely Rivera from *Huliāmahi, Vol. 1*—Various Artists (Kāhuli Leo Le'a)
- **Kaluāhoe** by Nicholas Keali'i Lum from *Huliāmahi, Vol. 1*—Various Artists (Kāhuli Leo Le'a)
- **No Pihemanu** by Kainani Kahaunaele, Cody Pueo Pata & Snowbird Bento from *Waipunalei*—Kainani Kahaunaele (Māhuahua Music LLC)
- **Ohaoha Kou Lei Pua I Ka Hikina** by Hiapo K. Perreira & Kainani Kahaunaele from *Waipunalei*—Kainani Kahaunaele (Māhuahua Music LLC)
- **Waipunalei** by Kainani Kahaunaele from *Waipunalei*—Kainani Kahaunaele (Māhuahua Music LLC)

HAWAIIAN MUSIC ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of Hawaiian music, with 75% tracks in the Hawaiian language.

- **Kahekeonāpua**—Kamaka Kukona (Hanu)
- **Ka Mea Hookani**—Mike Kaawa (Mike Kaawa)
- **Ku'u 'Aina Aloha**—Faith Ako (Independent)
- **Meant To Be**—Ho'okena (Huliau LLC)
- **Nā Wahi Pana**—Ka Pilina (Ahumanu Records)
- **Waipunalei**—Kainani Kahaunaele (Māhuahua Music LLC)

GROUP OF THE YEAR

Best performance by a vocal duo or group.

- **Ekolu** for *2020* (Waiehu Records)
- **Ho'okena** for *Meant To Be* (Huliau LLC)
- **Kapena** for *Kapena: A Kapena Family Christmas* (KDE Records)
- **Pandanus Club** for *Live at Aloha Station* (K&M Music)
- **Waipuna** for *Ku'u Lei Aloha* (Poki Records)

FAVORITE ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

- **Bronson Aiwohi**
- **Ekolu**
- **Kapena**
- **Henry Kaponō**
- **Kaori Kawabuchi**
- **Keilana**
- **Rachel Morley**
- **Michael Piranha**
- **Waipuna**
- **Zeo Worship**

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Best performance by a male artist.

- **Henry Kaponō** for *Henry's House* (Kaponō)
- **Lukela Keala** for *Lukela Keala* (Waiehu Records)
- **Kamaka Kukona** for *Kahekeonāpua* (Hanu)
- **Kalani Miles** for *He Mele No Papa* (Me Nui Records LLC)
- **Tavana** for *Sway* (Tavana)

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Best performance by a female artist.

- **Makamae Auwae** for *Lei Makamae* (Soulforth Records)
- **Karlie G** for *Train Of Thought* (KGM Productions)
- **Maggie Herron** for *Your Refrain* (Herron Song Records)
- **Kainani Kahaunaele** for *Waipuanlei* (Māhuahua Music LLC)
- **Keilana** for *I Am* (Zeo Music)

SONG OF THE YEAR

Composer's award. Best achievement in creating a first-time recorded song.

- **Hawai'i Nui Kuauli** by Mailanai Maka'īna'i from the single
Hawai'i Nui Kuauli–Mailani Maka'īna'i (Mailani Music LLC)
- **Little Grass Shack** by Henry Kaponō from *Henry's House*–
Henry Kaponō (Kaponō Records)
- **Noelani** by Iolani Kamauu and Natalie Ai Kamauu from the single
Noelani–Natalie Ai Kamauu (Keko Records LLC)
- **Uilani** by Lukela Keala from *Lukela Keala*–Lukela Keala (Waiehu Records)
- **Waipunalei** by Kainani Kahaunaele from *Waipunalei*–Kainani Kahaunaele
(Māhuahua Music LLC)
- **Your Refrain** by Maggie Herron from *Your Refrain*–Maggie Herron
(Herron Song Records)
- **Your Song Plays On** by Lehua Kalima from the single
Your Song Plays On–Lehua Kalima (Kalima Music LLC)

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best album release of the year.

- **2020**–Ekolu (Waiehu Records), Lukela Keala & Kapena DeLima, producers
- **Henry's House**–Henry Kaponō (Kaponō Records) Henry Kaponō, producer
- **Kahekeonāpua**–Kamaka Kukona (Hanu), Michael Casil & Wailau Ryder, producers
- **Lukela Keala**–Lukela Keala (Waiehu Records) Lukela Keala & Kapena DeLima, producers
- **Waipunalei**–Kainani Kahaunaele (Māhuahua Music LLC), Kainani Kahaunaele, producer

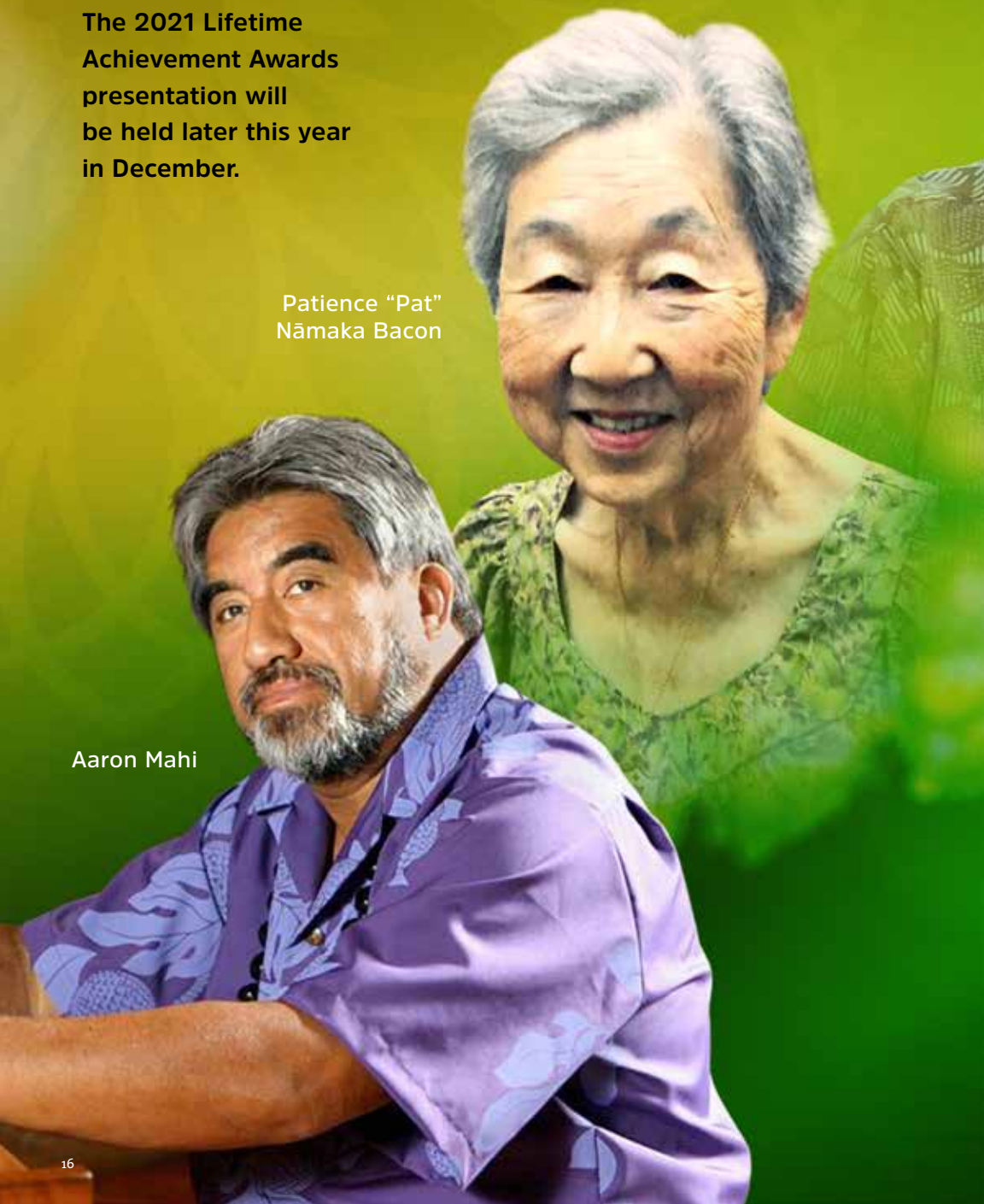
LIFETIME

Achievement Awards

The 2021 Lifetime Achievement Awards presentation will be held later this year in December.

Patience “Pat”
Nāmaka Bacon

Aaron Mahi





Dr. Puakea
Nogelmeier



Jeff Apaka



Jay
Larrin

**2021 LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT
LEGACY RECOGNITION
HONOREES**

LEFT
US Senator
Daniel Kahikina Akaka

RIGHT
Emma Kapi'olani
Farden Sharpe



CREDITS & MAHALO

CREDITS

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Pali Ka'aihue
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Director of Photography

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Michael Kini
Pali Ka'aihue

SHOW PRODUCER

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Iolani Kamaau

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

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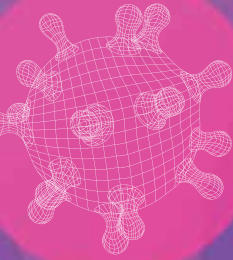


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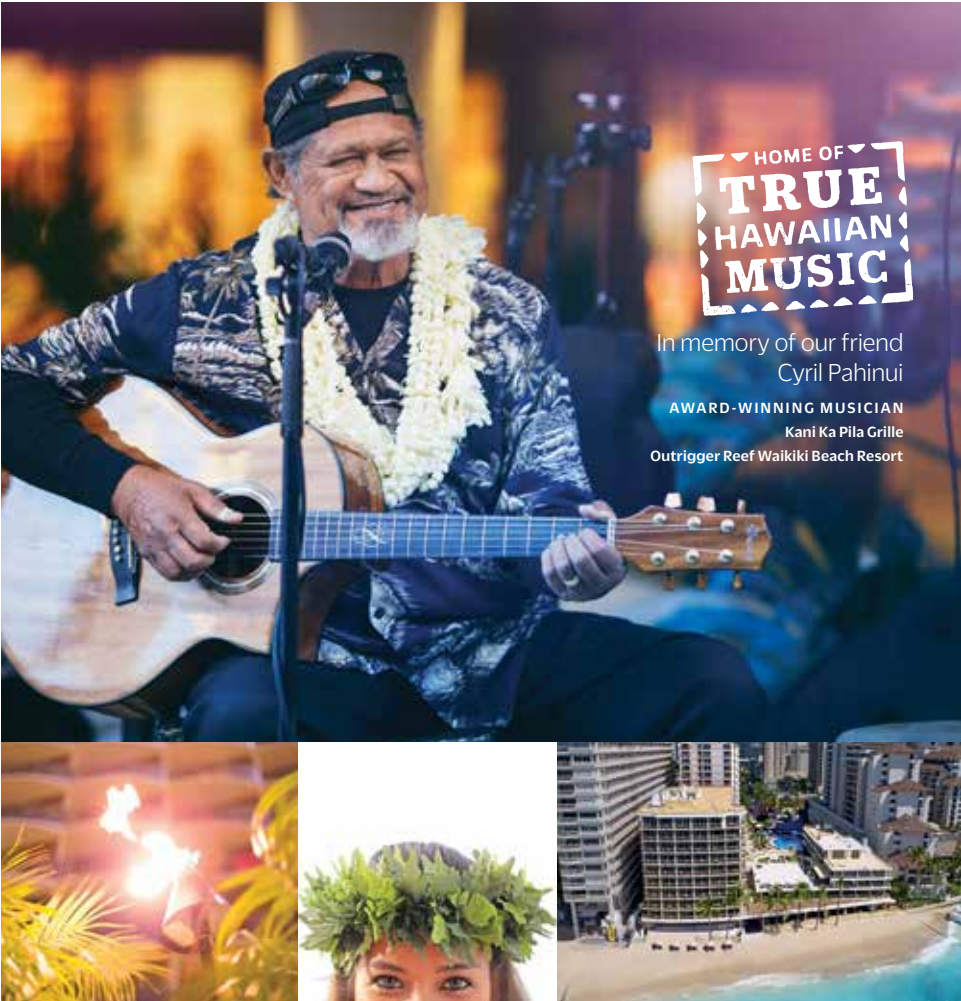
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