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Engineering Award — Hawaiian

Presented by Gaylord Holomalia

Metal Album of the Year

Presented by Gaylord Holomalia

Hip Hop Album of the Year

Presented by Greg Dunn

Alternative Album of the Year

Presented by Greg Dunn

EP Release of the Year

Presented by Greg Dunn

Hawaiian EP Release of the Year

Presented by Greg Dunn

Rock Album of the Year

Presented by Brandon Apeles

Religious Album of the Year

Presented by Brandon Apeles

Anthology Album of the Year

Presented by Brandon Apeles

'Ukulele Album of the Year

Presented by Keoni Souza

Christmas Single of the Year

Presented by Keoni Souza

Jazz Album of the Year

Presented by Keoni Souza

Kī Hō'alu Foundation Legacy Award

Presented by Milton Lau

Moe Keale "Aloha Is" Award for Community Service

Presented by Carol Keale

* PERFORMANCE BY THE TUAHINE TROUPE

* PERFORMANCE BY WALEA

Instrumental Composition of the Year

Presented by Deputy Consul General of Japan Mikio Izawa, and Christine Kubota — Kintetsu International Hawaii Company

Instrumental Album of the Year

Presented by Christine Kubota, and Deputy Consul General of Japan Mikio Izawa — Kintetsu International Hawaii Company

International Album Special

Recognition Award

Presented by Alan Okami — KoAloha Ukulele

* PERFORMANCE BY JEFF PETERSON

Contemporary Acoustic Album of the Year

Presented by Halekulani

R&B Album of the Year

Presented by Michelle Aquino and Darrell Aquino

Compilation Album of the Year

Presented by Michelle Aquino and Darrell Aquino

* PERFORMANCE BY LEHUA KALIMA, KALA'E CAMARILLO, AND KAMAKA CAMARILLO

* PERFORMANCE BY KANEKOA

Contemporary Album of the Year

Presented by Cheryl Ann Vierra — Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra

Music Video of the Year

Presented by John Berger

Hawaiian Music Video of the Year

Presented by John Berger

* PERFORMANCE BY CROSSING RAIN

Reggae Album of the Year

Presented by Brickwood Galuteria

Hawaiian Single of the Year

Presented by Kona Chang — Summit Media

Single of the Year

Presented by Patti Ponimoi — Summit Media

* PERFORMANCE BY PAULA FUGA AND MIKE LOVE

Island Music Album of the Year

Presented by Luana Maitland — Outrigger Hotel and Resorts

Most Promising Artist of the Year

Presented by Keilana

George Helm Leo Aloha 'Āina Award

Presented by Kamehameha Schools

* PERFORMANCE BY JAKE SHIMABUKURO

Hawaiian Awards Introduction

Presented by Sheri Daniels — Papa Ola Lōkahi

Hawaiian Language Performance Award

Presented by Hailama Farden

Haku Mele Award

Presented by Micah Kamohoali'i

Hawaiian Album

Presented by Ku'uipo Kumukahi

* PERFORMANCE BY KALANI PE'A, HOAKA, ARLIE-AVERY ASIU AND KAMAKA KUKONA

Favorite Entertainer of the Year

Presented by Nicholas Kabetso — Hilton Hawaiian Village

Group of the Year

Presented by Mele Apana

* PERFORMANCE BY JOHN CRUZ, TIFFA AND IMUA GARZA

Female Vocalist of the Year

Presented by Dr. Gerard Akaka — The Queen's Health System

Male Vocalist of the Year

Presented by Katie Pickman — HawaiiNewsNow

* PERFORMANCE BY BRUDDAH WALTAN AND HO'AIKANE

* PERFORMANCE BY KU'UIPO KUMUKAHI AND KEN MAKUAKĀNE

Song of the Year

Presented by Kūhiō Lewis — Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

Album of the Year

Presented by Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom

* PERFORMANCE — HAWAI'I ALOHA

Tally Sheet

PRE-SHOW AWARDS

GRAPHICS AWARD

Best achievement in album cover design.

- **Paula Fuga & Samantha Howard** for *Rain On Sunday* — Paula Fuga (Brushfire Records)
- **Daryl Fujiwara — Smythe Fujiwara Designs** for *Kau Ka Pe'a* — Kalani Pe'a (Pe'a Records & Entertainment)
- **Dr. R Keawe Lopes Jr., Pōhaikealoha Bell, Kainehe Chun-Lum, Ka'iulani Kanehailua & Tina Ludewig** for *Keāiwaokulamanu* — The Tuahine Troupe (Ka Waihona A Ke Aloha)
- **Kanai'a Nakamura, Kanaeokana** for *Mele Ho'opulapula Vol. 1* — Various Artists (Kāhuli Leo Le'a)
- **Darren Soliven & Gerard K. Gonsalves** for *A Duran Duran Tribute* — Tin Idols (Tin Idol Productions)

LINER NOTES AWARD

Best achievement in album cover design.

- **Pono Fernandez** for *Native Lands* — Kulāiwi (Kulāiwi Music)
- **T. Ilihia Gionson** for *Kau Ka Pe'a* — Kalani Pe'a (Pe'a Records & Entertainment)
- **Susan H. Kitsu, Kari Sakamoto, Kalene Sakamoto, Mary Ann Lorica, Alvin Katahara, Judah Kaahaaina & Jonathan Kitsu** for *Dreams* — Crossing Rain (Tirzah Entertainment)
- **Kū Koanui-Souza & Desi Nu'uhiwa Koanui-Souza** for *Lei Pāpahi* — Walea (Walea Music LLC)
- **Zachary Alaka'i Lum** for *Mele Ho'opulapula Vol. 1* by Various Artists (Kāhuli Leo Le'a)

ENGINEERING AWARD — GENERAL CATEGORY

Best achievement in sound engineering.

- **Vince Esquire & Don Lopez** for *Songs From The Great Disruption* — Kanekoa (Kanekoa Music)
- **Imua Garza** for *Chroma (vol. 2)* — Sean Cleland (Sean Cleland Music)
- **Hi'ilawe Kay** for *Soul Crucial* — Sons Of Yeshua (Bless Up Hawaii LLC)
- **Dave Tucciarone** for *Here I Am* — Mike Tulba (Mike Tulba)
- **Damon Williams** for *Down To The Last 9* — Damon Williams (Phat Bula Records)

ENGINEERING AWARD — HAWAIIAN CATEGORY

Best achievement in sound engineering for sound recordings in Hawaiian music styles.

- **Imua Garza** for *In the Heart of Paradise* — NUE — Nā 'Ukulele 'Ekolu (NUE Productions, LLC)
- **Imua Garza, Nate Brown & Evan Khay** for *Lei Pāpahi* — Walea (Walea Music LLC)
- **Michael Grande** for *Kāwili* — Various Artists (Hawai'i Institute For Philippine Studies)
- **Michael Grande** for *Mele Ho'opulapula Vol. 1* — Various Artists (Kāhuli Leo Le'a)
- **Michael Grande & Shawn Pimental** for *Native Lands* — Kulāiwi (Kulāiwi Music)

METAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of music in a metal style.

- **Kicked Out Of Heaven** — SIN73 (Tin Idol Productions)
- **Paradise Lost** — Abysmia (Tin Idol Productions)
- **Stardust & Blood** — Storm (Tin Idol Productions)

HIP HOP ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance in a Hip Hop Style.

- **Shade That Doesn't Come From Palm Trees** — Kyle Strngz (Momi St. Mafia Records)
- **Something Beautiful** — Goldawn Won (808 Connects)
- **The Illyinde Tape** — Thomas Iannucci (Ends Of The Earth)
- **The West Above All** — Punahele (Punahele)

ALTERNATIVE ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of alternative music.

- **Chroma (vol. 2)** — Sean Cleland (Sean Cleland Music)
- **E Ala 'Oe** — Ka'imi Hanano'eau (Loihi Inc)
- **Fireworks** — Hanale Bishop ('Aumakua Records)
- **Kennedy Taylor & The Electric Pancakes** — Kennedy Taylor & The Electric Pancakes (The Electric Pancakes)
- **The Reason** — Freddy VP (FVPMusic Productions)

EXTENDED PLAY (EP) OF THE YEAR

Best achievement of an extended play release.

- **Christmas In Hawai'i** — Kimie Miner (Haku Records)
- **E Olu'olu 'Oe** — Hawaiian Time (Hawaiian Time)
- **Hawaiian Country Living** — Robert Teixeira (Mana Music & Media)
- **Kikaha** — Hoaka (Mea Nui Records)
- **Songs of 60's & 70's Waikiki** — Lee Gonsalves (Tin Idol Productions)

HAWAIIAN EP OF THE YEAR

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

- **'Awaloha** — Kapiliela Kala (Kapiliela Kala)
- **Huaka'i Ho'omana'o** — by Lee Gonsalves (Tin Idol Productions)
- **Nearer My God To Thee** — Ben Kama (Ke Akua Mele Productions)

ROCK ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of rock music.

- **A Duran Duran Tribute** — Tin Idols (Tin Idol Productions)
- **Big Island Rockin' Blues** — Bad Papa (Bad Papa)
- **Polyphonic** — Vince Esquire (Luktown Records)
- **The Circus of Fun** — Average Joes (Play That Disco Productions)
- **True Love** — Greg DiPiazza (diPiazza Music)

RELIGIOUS ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of religious music.

- **Angel Inspired** — Sandalphon (no label listed)
- **Brand New** — New Hope O'ahu (Dream Label Group)
- **I Believe In You** — Dennis And Christy Soares (Elation Records)
- **In The Hands Of God** — Cindy Paulos (Practicing Aloha)
- **Listen** — David Swanson (David Swanson)
- **Soul Crucial** — Sons of Yeshua (Bless Up Hawaii LLC)

ANTHOLOGY ALBUM OF THE YEAR

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

- **100 Years** — Hanale Bishop ('Aumakua Records) Kelii Heath Cruz, Shawn Livingston Mosely & Hanale Bishop, producers
- **Crack In The Earth** — Dennis And Christy Soares (Elation Records) Dennis Soares, producer
- **Henry's Positive World** — Henry Kaponi (Kaponi Records) Henry Kaponi Kaaihue & Lezlee Kaaihue, producers
- **History of Uncle Tadashi & Da Boyz** — Uncle Tadashi & Da Boyz (no Label listed) Pierre Grill, producer
- **My Favs Anthology — T18-O18-Y19-E20** — Frank Ka'ano'i (Frank Ka'ano'i Music) Frank Ka'ano'i, producer

'UKULELE ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best 'ukulele performance.

- **Arlie & His Magic Ukulele** — Arlie-Avery Asiu (Arlie-Avery Asiu Music)
- **Beyond Words** — Abe Lagrimas Jr. (On The Up Records)
- **Volume One: Arias + Aloha** — Pacific 'Ukulele Orchestra (Dunbarton Records)

CHRISTMAS SINGLE

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

- **A Hawaiian Christmas** — Stacie Ku'ulei (Tin Idol Productions)
- **All I Want For Christmas Is You** — Storm (Tin Idol Productions)
- **Cold Winter Night** — Grunky Old Men (Reviction Records)
- **Here In Hawai'i We Love Christmas Too** — Tarvin Makia ('Ono Lono Music)
- **Mele Kalikimaka** — Lady Patrice (Lady Patrice)

JAZZ ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best jazz performance.

- **Aloha Jazz Lounge** — Kaikona (Hulu Kupuna Productions)
- **Catnip** — Jeff Gaeth (Puna)
- **One-Eyed Cat** — Sandalphon (No Label)
- **Synesthesia** — Red Water Trio (Studio Kumau)

AWARDS

INSTRUMENTAL COMPOSITION OF THE YEAR

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

- **E Ala 'Oe** by Ka'imi Hanano'eau from *E Ala 'Oe* (Loihi Inc.)
- **Halema'uma'u** by Jeff Peterson from *Mele Nahenahe, Soothing Sounds of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar* (Jeff Peterson Productions)
- **Pū Hala** by Kenneth Makuakāne from *'Ukulele Forrest* (KM Music)
- **Sonny Days Ahead** by Jake Shimabukuro from *Jake & Friends* (Mascot Label Group/Music Theories Recordings)
- **The One** by Jaz Kaiwiko'o Yglesias & Pat Eskildsen from the single *The One feat. Pat Eskildsen* (The Lahui Project)

INSTRUMENTAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best instrumental performance.

- **Kimberly Hope** — Kimberly Hope (Kimberly Hope)
- **Mele Nahenahe, Soothing Sounds of Hawaiian Slack Key** — Jeff Peterson (Jeff Peterson Productions)
- **'Ukulele Forest** — Kenneth Makuakāne (KM Music)
- **Unspoken** — Joel Katz & Greg diPiazza (no label listed)
- **Whispering Steel** — Greg Sardinha (Keala Records)

INTERNATIONAL ALBUM — SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

- **Ku'u One Hānau** — Hiliu (Hiliu Music)
- **Nā Pualani** — Kaulana (Kaulana Entertainment)
- **Trinity J.S. Bach On Ukulele** — Motoe Nishio (Moonlit Night Records)
- **Rio** — Rio (Twin Music)
- **Walea** — Walea (Polihale Records)

CONTEMPORARY ACOUSTIC ALBUM OF THE YEAR

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

- **In the Heart of Paradise** — NUE - Nā 'Ukulele 'Eholu (NUE Productions, LLC)
- **Jake & Friends** — Jake Shimabukuro (Mascot Label Group/Music Theories Recordings)
- **Kau Ka Pe'a** — Kalani Pe'a (Pe'a Records & Entertainment)
- **New Dawn** — Dennis And Christy Soares (Elation Records)
- **The Last Invitation** — Richard Natto (Rd Music/Firmbizness)
- **True Love Is King** — Frank Ka'ano'i (Frank Ka'ano'i Music)

R&B ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best performance of music in a R&B style.

- **Chapters** — Rabbit (Rabbit)
- **Dreams** — Crossing Rain (Tirzah Entertainment)
- **Mrs. Golden** — A Touch Of Gold (A Touch Of Gold)

COMPILATION ALBUM OF THE YEAR

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

- **Awaiāulu 'Ia E Ke Aloha No Moloka'i** — Institute of Hawaiian Music Moloka'i (Institute of Hawaiian Music) Keola Donaghy, Leihuanani Keali'inohomoku, Les Ceballos & Zanuck Lindsey, producers
- **Kāwili** — Various Artists (Hawai'i Institute For Philippine Studies) Lance D. Collins and Zachary Alaka'i Lum, producers
- **Live From The Empty Palace 2021** — Various Artists (Friends of The Palace Theater) Phillips Payson, Zoe Eisenberg, Drew Daniels & Pepe Romero, producers
- **Mele Ho'opulapula Vol. 1** — Various Artists (Kāhuli Leo Le'a) Zachary Alaka'i Lum, producer
- **The Language Of Love** — Various Artists (Elation Records) Dennis Soares, producer

CONTEMPORARY ALBUM OF THE YEAR

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

- **Beyond The Surface** — Bad Papa (Bad Papa)
- **E 'Apo Mai Kāua** — Stacie Ku'uilei (Tin Idol Productions)
- **Here I Am** — Mike Tulba (Mike Tulba)
- **Music Book** — Greenwood (Greenwood)
- **Rain On Sunday** — Paula Fuga (Brushfire Records)
- **The Journey** — Allan Thomas (Black Bamboo Recordings)

MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR

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

- **Coming Home** — The Green (The Green Band LLC); Joe Termini, video director; The Green, music producer
- **Home Is Where The Heart Is** — Nāpua Greig (Pihana Productions); Glenn Kawiki Alonzo, video director; Nāpua Greig, music producer
- **It's Time To Build A Bridge** — John Cruz (Lilikoi Records LLC); Julia Levanne & Ryan Antalan, video directors; John Cruz, music producer
- **Perfect To Me** — Josh Tatofi (Jream Entertainment); Josh Tatofi, video director and music producer
- **Young Man** — The Green (The Green Band LLC); Gerard Elmore, video director; Imua Garza, music producer

HAWAIIAN MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR

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

- **A'ahu Poli'ahu** — Kalani Pe'a (Pe'a Records & Entertainment); Allan B. Cool & Antonio Agosto, video directors; Kalani Pe'a, Dave Tucciarone & Allan B. Cool, music producers
- **Kaniakapūpū** — Kalani Pe'a (Pe'a Records & Entertainment); Allan B. Cool & Antonio Agosto, video directors; Kalani Pe'a, Dave Tucciarone & Allan B. Cool, music producers
- **Kau Ka Pe'a** — Kalani Pe'a, Feat. Pandanus Club, Kimie Miner & Kalenaku Delima (Pe'a Records & Entertainment); Allan B. Cool, video director; Kalani Pe'a, Dave Tucciarone & Allan B. Cool, music producers
- **Sweet Dreams Ku'u Momi** — Kamalei Kawa'a (Sugah P Records); Cierra Kawa'a, video director; Kamalei Kawa'a, music producer
- **Wena** — Josh Tatofi (Jream Entertainment); Antonio Agosto, video director; Josh Tatofi, music producer

REGGAE ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best reggae performance.

- **Back On The Porch** — Ho'aikāne (MTW Records)
- **Brand New Eyes** — The Green (The Green Band)
- **Down To The Last 9** — Damon Williams (Phat Bula Records)
- **Impermanence** — DNA MUSE (Nanoweber Records)
- **Perspective** — Ryan Hiraoka (Rubbah Slippah Productions LLC)

HAWAIIAN SINGLE OF THE YEAR

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

- **A Moloka'i Medley** — Institute of Hawaiian Music Moloka'i (Institute of Hawaiian Music)
- **Ha'aheo Moloka'i I Nā Pua Kukui** — Keola Donaghy (Nani Kama'ole Music)
- **Ho'oheno A'o Pi'ilani** — Institute of Hawaiian Music Maui (Institute of Hawaiian Music)
- **Sweet Dreams Ku'u Momi** — Kamalei Kawa'a (Sugah P Records)
- **Wena** — Josh Tatofi (Jream Entertainment)

SINGLE OF THE YEAR

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

- **Be Like You** — Kala'e Camarillo (Kala'e Camarillo)
- **Dear Lāna'i** — Ei Nei (Ei Nei LLC)
- **It's Time To Build A Bridge** — John Cruz (Lilikoi Records LLC)
- **Kūpa'a** — Kamaka Camarillo (no label listed)
- **Perfect To Me** — Josh Tatofi (Jream Entertainment)

ISLAND MUSIC ALBUM OF THE YEAR

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

- **Ano Like 'Ole** — Hoaka (Mea Nui Records)
- **Everyday Local** — Everyday Local (Hulu Kupuna Productions)
- **Home** — Nāpua Greig (Pihana Productions)
- **Play Music** — Pa'ani Pila (Lahui Project)
- **Songs From The Great Disruption** — Kanekoa (Kanekoa Music)

MOST PROMISING ARTIST OF THE YEAR

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

- **Crossing Rain** for *Dreams* (Tirzah Entertainment)
- **Kapiliela Kala** for *'Awaloha* (Kapiliela Kala)
- **Kimberly Hope** for *Kimberly Hope* (Kimberly Hope)
- **The Tuahine Troupe** for *Keāiwaokulamanu* (Ka Waihona A Ke Aloha)
- **Walea** for *Lei Pāpahi* (Walea Music LLC)

HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE PERFORMANCE AWARD

Best performance of Hawaiian music.

- **Kenneth Makuakāne** for *Kau I Ka Hano* (KM Music)
- **Kalani Pe'a** for *Kau Ka Pe'a* (Pe'a Records & Entertainment)
- **The Tuahine Troupe** for *Keāiwaokulamanu* (Ka Waihona A Ke Aloha)
- **Walea** for *Lei Pāpahi* (Walea Music LLC)
- **Kulāiwi** for *Native Lands* by (Kulāiwi Music)

HAKU MELE AWARD

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

- **Hānaiakalehuamamo** by Kū Koanui-Souza from *Lei Pāpahi* — Walea (Walea Music LLC)
- **Hokuili** by Devin Kamealoha Forrest from *Home* — Nāpua Greig (Pihana Productions)
- **Keāiwaokulamanu** by Dr. R. Keawe Lopes Jr. & Zachary Lum from *Keāiwaokulamanu* — The Tuahine Troupe (Ka Waihona A Ke Aloha)
- **Kīpuka Maluhia** Hau'oli J. Akaka from *Lei Pāpahi* — Walea (Walea Music LLC)
- **Ko'olau Waltz** by Kalani K. Akana from *Lei Pāpahi* — Walea (Walea Music LLC)

HAWAIIAN ALBUM OF THE YEAR

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

- ***Kau I Ka Hano*** — Kenneth Makuakāne (KM Music)
- ***Keāiwaokulamanu*** — The Tuahine Troupe (Ka Waihona A Ke Aloha)
- ***Kou Lima Nani E*** — Christy Leina'ala Lassiter (Christy Leina'ala Lassiter)
- ***Lei Pāpahi*** — Walea (Walea Music LLC)
- ***Native Lands*** — Kulāiwi (Kulāiwi Music)

FAVORITE ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

- **Crossing Rain**
- **Ho'aikane**
- **Hoaka**
- **Ka'imi Hanono'eau**
- **Sons of Yeshua**
- **The Green**
- **The Tuahine Troupe**
- **Trishnalei**
- **Vince Esquire**
- **Walea**

GROUP OF THE YEAR

Best performance by a vocal duo or group.

- **Everyday Local** for *Everyday Local* (Hulu Kupuna Productions)
- **Kulāiwi** for *Native Lands* (Kulāiwi Music)
- **The Green** for *Brand New Eyes* (The Green Band)
- **The Tuahine Troupe** *Keāiwaokulamanu* (Ka Waihona A Ke Aloha)
- **Walea** for *Lei Pāpahi* (Walea Music LLC)

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Best performance by a female artist.

- **Paula Fuga** for *Rain On Sunday* (Brushfire Records)
- **Nāpua Greig** for *Home* (Pihana Productions)
- **Stacie Ku'u'ulei** for *E 'Apo Mai Kāua* (Tin Idol Productions)
- **Christy Leina'ala Lassiter** for *Kou Lima Nani E* (Christy Leina'ala Lassiter)
- **Trishnalei** for *ikeepontroddin* (no label listed)

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Best performance by a male artist.

- **Sean Cleland** for *Chroma* (vol. 2) (Sean Cleland Music)
- **Kenneth Makuakāne** for *Kau I Ka Hano* (KM Music)
- **Kalani Pe'a** for *Kau Ka Pe'a* (Pe'a Records & Entertainment)
- **Mike Tulba** for *Here I Am* (Mike Tulba)
- **Damon Williams** for *Down To The Last 9* (Phat Bula Records)

SONG OF THE YEAR

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

- **Be Like You** by Kala'e Camarillo from the single *Be Like You* — Kala'e Camarillo (Kala'e Camarillo)
- **Christmas In Hawai'i** Kimie Miner from *Christmas in Hawai'i* — Kimie Miner (Haku Records)
- **If Ever** by Paula Fuga and Jack Johnson from *Rain on Sunday* — Paula Fuga (Brushfire Records)
- **Kau Ka Pe'a** by Kalani Pe'a, Larry Kauanoe Kimura & Wailau Ryder from *Kau Ka Pe'a* — Kalani Pe'a (Pe'a Records & Entertainment)
- **Wena** by Josh Tatofi & Kamaka Kukona from the single *Wena* — Josh Tatofi (Jream Entertainment)

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Best album release of the year.

- **Jake & Friends** — *Jake Shimabukuro* (Mascot Label Group/Music Theories Recordings), Jake Shimabukuro, producer
- **Kau Ka Pe'a** — *Kalani Pe'a* (Pe'a Records & Entertainment), Kalani Pe'a, Dave Tucciarone & Allan B. Cool, producers
- **Keāiwaokulamanu** — *The Tuahine Troupe* (Ka Waihona A Ke Aloha), Dr. R. Keawe Lopes Jr. & Zachary Lum, producers
- **Native Lands** — *Kulāiwi* (Kulāiwi Music), Kawika Kahiapo, Lehua Kalima & Shawn Pimental, producers
- **Rain On Sunday** — *Paula Fuga* (Brushfire Records), Paula Fuga, Mike Love, Brad Watanabe & Michael Grande, producers

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