



**Sunday, June 26, 2022, 1:00 pm     *FREE!***  
**A&B Amphitheater | Maui Arts & Cultural Center**  
*Showcasing some of Hawai'i's finest slack key guitarists*

### **Musician background / bio notes**



#### **Kevin Brown & Ola Hou**

Traditional slack key guitarist & Hawaiian vocalist, Kevin Brown, is the leader of the popular Maui group Ola Hou. One of Hawai'i's finest musicians and instructors, his easy-going style has deeply influenced a generation of musicians both in Hawai'i and on the mainland.



#### **Kimberly Hope**

Kimberly hails from the island of Kaua'i. Her skillset on the violin and other string instruments have garnered her critical acclaim from her peers and local island music critics. She is a talented violinist, teacher, and composer whose debut album *Kimberly Hope* was nominated for "Instrumental Album of the Year" and "Most Promising Artist of the Year" at this year's (2022) Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards.



#### **Halemanu**

A Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award -winning performer, Halemanu fuses Hawaiian, jazz, rock, funk, slack key, and world music. His unique musical vision reaches far beyond conventional borders, creating music for all to enjoy.



#### **Stephen Inglis**

Stephen has recorded 10 albums and worked closely with the late Dennis Kamakahi, one of Hawai'i's most prolific songwriters. In 2021 Stephen was honored with the Nā Hōkū Hanohano "Ki-ho'alu Legacy Award" for his contributions in performing, recording, preserving, and perpetuating Hawai'i's 192-year-old guitar tradition.





### Lewward Kaapana

Lew Kaapana's mastery of stringed instruments, particularly slack key guitar, and his extraordinary baritone and *leo ki'eki'e* (falsetto) voices, made him a musical legend. He has been thrilling audiences for more than 40 years. He has built a loyal corps of Lew Heads from Brussels to his birthplace on the Big Island of Hawaii.



### George Kuo

Known as one of Hawai'i's premiere slack key guitar artists, playing in the traditional *nahenahe* (sweet, soothing) style. George has been twice recognized with excellence in recording achievement by the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts, Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards.



### Kawika Kahiapo

Kawika's interest in music began at an early age, when, inspired by his father, he spent many hours practicing guitar alone. Some of his fondest memories are of their "garage" jam sessions, when "Pops" Gabby Pahinui would show up at their house to play at a party, inspiring Kawika's passion for kī hō'alu.



### Bobby Moderow

His group Maunalua has recorded many Nā Hōkū winning albums and toured extensively in Hawai'i, the Mainland, and internationally. Two years ago, Bobby recorded his first solo album and now performs solo when he is not engaged with his band. He also, teaches Ki-ho'alu part-time at the University of Hawai'i West Campus



### Kamuela Kahoano

A singer/songwriter/producer from Honolulu, Kamuela comes from a family of entertainers. His music has elements of acoustic, folk, indie, and alternative with Hawaiian influences. He is an accomplished left-handed player of both 'ukulele and guitar; he also plays the djembe.



### Kailua Moon (Danny & Nani Carvalho)

Danny Carvalho has had a passion for Ki-ho'alu since the age of 9. He is a formidable singer, producer, band leader and writer. Danny is married to Puanani Edgar whose background is in hula and mele. Together they are now known as "Kailua Moon."



### Dwight Kanae

A dedicated musician and Hawaiian music addict, Dwight has performed on Hawai'i stages for over three decades with such luminaries as Peter Moon, Del Beazley, David Kahiapo, and more. Dwight released his own CD *Hā'iku*, and appears on several slack key guitar compilation albums..



### Paul Togioka

Recognized as Kaua'i's finest slack key guitar artist, Paul utilizes classic style along with his creativity and inventiveness to mark him as the 'Main Man' of slack key on the Garden Island. A veteran recording artist, Paul has won Hawai'i Music Awards for Best Slack Key Album, is on the award-winning Hawaiian Slack Key Kings CD, and has releases of his own: *Kī hō'alu Inn* and *Here, There & Everywhere*, and *Aikane Kuikawa Nā Hōkū*.



### Nāmaka Cosma

A young and budding artist from Maui, Nāmaka is following in the footsteps of her famous father, Pekelo Cosma, who hailed from Hana, Maui. Nāmaka has been a student of Kevin Brown. While still a neophyte as a Slacker, Nāmaka exhibits all the ingredients of someone who is passionate about Hawaiian music and slack key guitar.

A promotional poster for the 31st Annual Kī Hō'alu Festival. The background is a gradient of blue and green with stylized leaf patterns. A large, stylized guitar graphic is on the left, with its body in brown and orange and its neck in blue and white. The Maui Arts & Cultural Center logo is in the top left. The festival title is in large, bold letters, and the date is prominently displayed. A white box on the right contains details about the event being free, the time, location, and additional activities.

 **Maui Arts & Cultural Center**

*31st Annual*  
**KĪ HŌ'ALU**  
*Festival*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022**

**FREE!**

**1 - 5 pm**  
gates open at 12:30 pm  
**A & B AMPHITHEATER**

*Plus: Local Style Food  
Hawaiian Arts & Crafts*

Or livestream at [MauiArts.org](http://MauiArts.org),  
the MACC's Facebook page  
or YouTube channel