



## 42nd Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards Final Ballot Nominees

### GENERAL CATEGORIES

#### Album of the Year – Best album release of the year.

- **ALOHA FROM NĀ HOA**, Nā Hoa (NH Records), Ikaika Blackburn, Keoni Souza, and Halehaku Seabury, producers
- **LEI LEHUA**, Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions), Mark Yamanaka and Kellen Paik, producers
- **NĀ WAI ‘EHĀ**, Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records), Dave Tucciarone and Nā Wai ‘Ehā, producers
- **NO ‘ANE‘I**, Kalani Pe‘a (Kalani Pe‘a Music, LLC), Dave Tucciarone, Kalani Pe‘a, and Allan B. Cool, producers
- **UA KŌ, UA ‘ĀINA**, Keauhou (Keauhou), Keauhou, producer

#### EP (“Extended Play”) of the Year – Best extended play release (between 3 and 8 songs) of newly released material.

- **<3 (LESS THAN 3)**, Tim Rose (*no label listed*)
- **FINDING MY WAY**, Drew Henmi (*no label listed*)
- **FROM THE ISLAND OF MAUI**, Greg Dipiazza & Joel Katz (*no label listed*)
- **HOME**, Nick Kurosawa (Aloha Got Soul)
- **KEONI KU**, Keoni Ku (Tribal Treble Records)
- **MY HAWAII (WILL ALWAYS BE HERE)**, Kamuela Kahoano (Green Light Go HI Productions)
- **TRIBUTE TO PAT BENATAR, A**, Evil Genius (Tin Idol Productions)

#### Hawaiian EP (“Extended Play”) Release of the Year - Best extended play release (between 3 and 8 songs) of newly released material; 75% or more of the tracks must be in the Hawaiian Language, and must be previously unreleased.

- **HE LANI KO LUNA, HE HONUA KO LALO**, Institute of Hawaiian Music UH Maui College (Institute of Hawaiian Music), Keola Donaghy and Joel Katz, producers
- **MAUNAKEA KŪ HANO HANO**, Pandanus Club (KM Music)
- **MOMENTS**, Marlowe (*no label listed*)

#### Single of the Year – Best-recorded performance of a song released as a single in either physical (CD) or digital format.

- **HEARTSTRINGS**, Kolohe Kai (RKD Inc.)
- **MORNING DRIVE**, Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)
- **MY HAWAII (WILL ALWAYS BE HERE)**, Kamuela Kahoanao (Green Light Go HI Productions)
- **PU‘U KEKA‘A**, Mondokane/Amy Hanaiali‘i (Coconut Gold Records)
- **TALK WITH YOU AGAIN**, John Keawe (John Keawe - Homestead Productions)

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

- **AIA LA O PELE**, Kailua Moon (Lava Rock Music)
- **E PI‘I MAI**, Kamaka Camarillo (Kamaka Camarillo)
- **HE ALOHA WAI AU**, Waipuna (Poki Records)
- **KA LAMAKŪ**, Kaleo Phillips (Phat Bula Records)
- **KALIKOKAWAI: THE BUD IN THE WATER - A MOTHER’S LOVE**, Robi Kahakalau and Brickwood Galuteria (Kuleana Breakfast Club)

**Song of the Year** – Best achievement in creating a first-time recorded song.

- **EŌ E NĀ WAI ‘EHĀ**, Kamalei Kawa‘a, from Nā Wai ‘Ehā – Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records) Kamaehu Kawa‘a, Gregory Kahikina Juan, Edward Kalanikini Juan
- **KIPONA ALOHA**, Nathan Aweau, from Mau Loa (Bass Plus Music Arts)
- **LEI LEHUA**, Mark Yamanaka and Kalikolīhau Paik, from Lei Lehua – Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)
- **LEO KAMA ‘ĀINA**, Keawe Lopes and Keoni Souza, from Aloha from Nā Hoa – Nā Hoa (NH Records)
- **WAIKALUA**, Nicholas Keali‘i Lum, from Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina – Keauhou (Keauhou)

**Instrumental Composition** – (Composer’s award) Best achievement in creating a first time recorded instrumental composition.

- **‘A‘ALI‘I KŪ MAKANI**, Aldrine Guerrero, from Ola Ka ‘Āina – Various Kanile‘a Artists (Kanile‘a ‘Ukulele)
- **KAIUS**, Kamuela Kahoanao, from My Hawaii (Will Always Be Here) (Green Light Go HI Productions)
- **LELE**, Kaleo Phillips, from E Mama – Kaleo Phillips (Maui Tribe Records)
- **LIFE IS**, Kris Fuchigami, from Life Is – Kris Fuchigami (*no label listed*)
- **WATER**, Taimane Gardner, from Elemental – Tamaine (Diamond Entertainment LLC)

**Music Video of the Year** - Best performance of music and video. At least 75 percent of the video music contain musical performance or content in which the music of Hawai‘i is the subject. May contain no more than two (2) distinct music tracks.

- **CELEBRATE**, Henry Kaponu (Kaponu Records)
- **E PI‘I MAI**, Kamaka Camarillo featuring Wikz (Kamaka Camarillo)
- **HIGHWAY IN THE SUN**, Kimie Miner (Roxface Productions)
- **HILO MARCH**, Kalani Pe‘a featuring Amy Hanaiali‘i and Willie K (Kalani Pe‘a Music LLC)
- **WAIKALUA**, Keauhou (Keauhou)

**Female Vocalist of the Year – Best performance by a female artist.**

- **AJA**, for Pilina (*no label listed*)
- **ANUHEA**, for Follow Me: Deluxe Hawaii Edition (Sono Record Group/AnuheasJams)
- **KARLIE G**, for Have Fun (Karlie Goya)
- **MAGGIE HERRON**, for Ton of Trouble, A (Herron Song Records)
- **CINDY PAULOS**, for Peace, Music, and Poems (Bright Light Productions)

**Male Vocalist of the Year – Best performance by a male artist.**

- **NATHAN AWEAU**, for Mau Loa (Bass Plus Music Arts)
- **SEAN NA‘AUAO**, for Nā Keiki O Hawai‘i (Maliona Records)
- **CYRIL PAHINUI**, for Marketplace (Pahinui Productions)
- **KALANI PE‘A**, for No ‘Ano‘i (Kalani Pe‘a Music LLC)
- **MARK YAMANAKA**, for Lei Lehua (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)

**Group of the Year – Best performance by a vocal duo or group.**

- **EKOLU**, for Ekolu Music 3: For Hawai‘i (Waiehu Records)
- **KEAUHOU**, for Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina (Keauhou)
- **NĀ HOA**, for Aloha from Nā Hoa (NH Records)
- **NĀ WAI ‘EHĀ**, for Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records)
- **WAIPUNA**, for Waipuna (Poki Records)

**Most Promising Artist of the Year – Most promising first-recorded effort as a featured artist or group.**

- **POMAIIKA‘I BROWN**, for Pomai Duets - At the Piano with Legendary Friends (Pomai Records)
- **DESHANNON HIGA**, for Words Cannot Express (Wind and Song Productions)
- **KEONI KU**, for Keoni Ku (Tribal Treble Records)
- **NĀ WAI ‘EHĀ**, for Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records)
- **KALEO PHILLIPS**, for E Mama (Maui Tribe Records)
- **LEATO S. SAVINI**, for Ku‘u Home ‘O Wai‘anae (Tulipa Style LLC)

## **GENRE CATEGORIES**

**Alternative Album of the Year – Best performance of alternative music.**

- **LIFE RAFT**, Marc Allred (*no label listed*)
- **LUCKY 13**, Aldo Rays, The (*no label listed*)
- **PROCESS OF, THE**, Sean Cleland (Sean Cleland Music, LLC)
- **PUCK’S ALLEY SESSION, THE**, Aldo Rays, The (Tin Idol Productions)
- **SATANIC RITES OF THE QUINTESSENTIALS, THE**, Quintessentials, The (Hawaiian Express Records)

**Anthology Album of the Year – (Producer’s award) Best album of previously released material.**

- **KALAPANA: THE ORIGINAL ALBUM COLLECTION**, Kalapana (Manifesto), Dan Perloff, producer

- **LIFETIME OF MUSIC, A**, Dennis and Christy Soares (Elation Records), Dennis Soares, producer
- **REMINISCING**, An Anthology of Favorites (Kealia Farms Record Company), George and Nancy Kahumoku, producers

**Compilation Album of the Year – (Producer’s award) Best performance of newly released material by a minimum of three (3) distinct artists.**

- **ALOHA & MAHALO**, Various Artists (Dreamusic), Linda Bade, producer
- **FINDING HOME**, Various Artists (*no label listed*), Layla Kilolu and Dave Tucciarone, producers
- **OLA KA ‘ĀINA**, Various Kanile‘a Artists (Kanile‘a ‘Ukulele), Kapena De Lima, producer
- **SONGS OF C&K, THE**, Various Artists (Kapono Records), Henry Kapono, First Hawaiian Bank, and Lezlee Kaaihue, producers
- **UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES**, Various Artists (Elation Records), Dennis Soares, producer
- **UNTOLD**, Music Tech 2018 (Studio 313) Music Tech, producer

**Contemporary Album of the Year – Best performance in a contemporary style.**

- **BEAUTIFUL DAY**, Na Leo (NLP Music, Inc.)
- **FOLLOW ME: DELUXE HAWAII EDITION**, Anuheia (Sono Record Group/AnuheiaJams)
- **IF I KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW**, Conner Snow (*no label listed*)
- **WELCOME 2 MY PARADISE**, Henry Kapono (Kapono Records)
- **YOU**, Lance Orillo (Lance Orillo)

**Contemporary Acoustic Album of the Year - Best performance in a contemporary style and predominantly utilizing acoustic instruments.**

- **CHRISTMAS WITH YOU**, Kamanawa (Keala Records)
- **COBBLESTONE**, Hanale Bishop (‘Aumakua Records)
- **TAKE THE SHOW HOME**, Dennis and Christy Soares (Elation Records)
- **UKULELE SUNSHINE**, Papa Ray (*no label listed*)
- **UNDER DA MANGO TREE, BESIDE DA MOUNTAIN STREAM - THE MAUI YEARS**, Wesley Furumoto (*no label listed*)
- **WHERE U BEEN**, Danny Johnson (Rawksolid Studios)

**Hawaiian Album of the Year – Best performance of Hawaiian music.**

- **ALOHA FROM NĀ HOA**, Nā Hoa (NH Records)
- **E MAU ANA KA HA‘AHEO - ENDURING PRIDE**, Uluwehi Guerrero (Kaulupono Music)
- **NĀ WAI ‘EHĀ**, Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records)
- **PILIPA‘A**, Gary Haleamau and Kawili (GSK Productions)
- **UA KŌ, UA ‘ĀINA**, Keauhou (Keauhou)

**Hawaiian Slack Key Album of the Year - Best performance of slack key or vocals with slack key accompaniment.**

- **MARKETPLACE**, Cyril Pahinui (Pahinui Productions)
- **MOKU MALUHIA - PEACEFUL ISLAND**, Jim Kimo West (Westernmost Records)
- **SLACK KEY HUAKA‘I ELUA**, Patrick Landeza (Addison Street Records)

- **TA PUA ELAMA**, Paul Togioka (Rhythm and Roots Records)

**Hip Hop Album of the Year – Best performance of music in a hip hop style.**

- **6 DEGREES OF PRESERVATION**, G. Listen and Metisunz (Kipuka Records)
- **FROM BENEATH MT. KA‘ALA**, Punahale (*no label listed*)
- **HE WAHI MA WAENA**, Hou! Kanaka (*no label listed*)
- **KA HO‘OULU**, Lou Dogg (Dubb City Productions)
- **TIP OF THE SPEAR, THE**, Ka Maka Ihe, Paniolo Prince and His Queen Maile (*no label listed*)

**Instrumental Album of the Year – Best instrumental performance.**

- **ABE LAGRIMAS, JR.**, Abe Lagrimas, Jr. (Passout Records)
- **CIRQUES L‘ESCARGOT**, Pierre Grill (FVR Records)
- **ELEMENTAL**, Taimani (Daimond Entertainment, LLC)
- **INTO THE WIND**, Dennis Soares (Elation Records)
- **‘UKULELE HULA**, Herb Ohta, Jr. (Neos Productions)

**Island Music Album of the Year – Best contemporary performance of music of or about Hawai‘i.**

- **LEI LEHUA**, Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)
- **MAU LOA**, Nathan Aweau (Bass Plus Music Arts)
- **NĀ KEIKI O HAWAI‘I**, Sean Na‘auao (Maliona Records)
- **NO ‘ANE‘I**, Kalani Pe‘a (Kalani Pe‘a Music LLC)
- **WAIPUNA**, Waipuna (Poki Records)

**Jazz Album of the Year – Best jazz performance.**

- **BONJOUR PARIS**, Mimi Hafele (Mimi Hafele Records)
- **PLAYIN IN TRAFFIC**, Honoka‘a Jazz Band (Emkay Records)
- **TON OF TROUBLE, A**, Maggie Herron (Herron Song Records)
- **TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY**, Allan Thomas (Black Bamboo Recordings)
- **WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS**, DeShannon Higa (Wind and Song Productions)

**Metal Album of the Year – Best performance of music in a metal style.**

- **BURIAL GROUNDS**, Hereafter (Tin Idol Productions)
- **FRACTURED**, Storm (Tin Idol Productions)
- **JEKYLL & HYDE**, Storm (Tin Idol Productions)
- **KLATAU**, Gorgos (*no label listed*)

**R&B Album of the Year – Best performance of music in a R&B style.**

- **HAVE FUN**, Karlie G (Karlie Goya)
- **JAM**, Kukahi (Voyager Records)
- **PARADISE BLUES**, John Akapo (Mensch House Records)
- **YONSEI**, Nick Kurosawa + Ohtoro (Zenbu Records)

**Reggae Album of the Year – Best performance of music in a reggae style.**

- **EKOLU MUSIC 3: FOR HAWAI'I**, Ekolu (Waiehu Records)
- **GOOD LIFE**, Guidance Band (Neos Productions)
- **HEART OVER HYPE**, Elijah Sky (Elijah Sky Music)
- **LINK UP**, Inna Vision (Roots Musician Records)
- **WITH LOVE**, Maoli (Awong Entertainment LLC)

**Religious Album of the Year – Best performance of religious material.**

- **BLESSING UP THE VIBES**, Sons of Yeshua (Bless Up Hawaii, LLC)
- **HAWAIIAN GOSPEL PLUS**, Stan Aoki (*no label listed*)
- **LET THE LIGHT SHINE UPON ME**, Eric Lee (Lee Enterprises)
- **NĀ MELE PULE**, Kenneth Makuakāne (KM Music)
- **PEACE, MUSIC, AND POEMS**, Cindy Paulos (Bright Light Productions)
- **REFLECTIONS**, Gail Mack & Ellen Suhl (Gail Mack & B Ellen Suhl)

**Rock Album of the Year – Best performance of music in a rock style.**

- **6 STRING LOSERS**, Granite Saints, The (*no label listed*)
- **FEEDBACK SAVES THE 7**, Superhero Rokkstar - SHRS (*no label listed*)
- **GIANT**, Deborah Vial Band (North Shore Record Company)
- **NO BETTER PLACE TO BE**, Haole Kid Local Boys Blues Project (*no label listed*)
- **RED, WHITE, AND SCREWED**, Granite Saints, The (*no label listed*)
- **VOLTAGE**, Black Reds, The (The Black Reds)

## **ADJUDICATED AWARDS**

**Haku Mele Award**– (Composer’s award) Best first-released song or chant primarily in the Hawaiian language.

- **LEI LEHUA**, Kalikolihau Paik and Mark Yamanaka, from Lei Lehua – Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)
- **LEINĀ‘ALA**, Ānuenu Pūnua and Halehaku Seabury-Akaka, from Aloha from Nā Hoa – Nā Hoa (NH Records)
- **NO ĀNELA UILANI, HE INOA**, Zachary Alaka‘i Lum, from Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina – Keauhou (Keauhou)
- **PALIKEA**, Louis “Moon” Kauakahi, from Keoni Ku – Keoni Ku (Tribal Treble Records)
- **WAIKALUA**, Nicholas Keali‘i Lum, from Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina – Keauhou (Keauhou)

**Hawaiian Language Performance Award** – (Artist award) Best performance in the Hawaiian language.

- **NĀ HOA**, for Aloha from Nā Hoa (NH Records)
- **KUMZ**, for He Ola (Kauakoko Foundation)
- **NĀ WAI ‘EHĀ**, for Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records)
- **KAWAIKAPUOKALANI HEWETT**, for Pili Me Ke Aloha (JasPac)
- **KEAUHOU**, for Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina – Keauhou (Keauhou)

**Engineering Award, General - Best technical achievement in a sound recording and**

mix-down.

- **WENDELL CHING**, for Reunion – Dana Montero (Dana Montero)
- **IMUA GARZA**, for Process Of, The – Sean Cleland (Sean Cleland Music, LLC)
- **ALLAN THOMAS**, for Two Sides to Every Story – Allan Thomas (Black Bamboo Recordings)
- **DAVE TUCCIARONE, TOM WEIR, AND MARTI ECHITO**, for Welcome 2 My Paradise – Henry Kapono (Kapono Records)
- **JULES WASHINGTON, DAVID PICHARD, NOAH CRONIN, KAPENA DE LIMA, KIT EBERSBACH, AND MARTI ECHITO**, for Songs of C&K – Various Artists (Kapono Records)

Engineering Award, Hawaiian- Best technical achievement in a Hawaiian sound recording and mix-down.

- **WENDELL CHING AND SEAN NA‘AUAO**, for Nā Keiki O Hawai‘i – Sean Na‘auao (Maliona Records)
- **MICHAEL GRANDE**, for Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina – Keauhou (Keauhou)
- **DAVE TUCCIARONE**, for Keoni Ku – Keoni Ku (Tribal Treble Records)
- **DAVE TUCCIARONE**, for Nā Wai ‘Ehā – Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records)
- **DAVE TUCCIARONE**, for No ‘Ane‘i – Kalani Pe‘a (Kalani Pe‘a Music LLC)

Graphics Award – Award for best total album packaging.

- **JULIA ARAGAKI AND GAVIN KOBAYASHI**, for Beautiful Day, Na Leo (NLP Music, Inc.)
- **WAILANI ARTATES**, for Nā Wai ‘Ehā, Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records)
- **DARYL FUJIWARA**, for No ‘Ane‘i, Kalani Pe‘a (Kalani Pe‘a Music LLC)
- **CLARENCE LEE DESIGN**, for Ola, Tsutomu Nakai (Wa Taiko THR Inc.)
- **MVNP**, for Songs of C&K – Various Artists (Kapono Records)

Liner Notes Award – Award for best liner notes.

- **LUANA KAWAA**, for Nā Wai ‘Ehā, Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records)
- **DR. KEAWE LOPES**, for Aloha from Nā Hoa – Nā Hoa (NH Records)
- **ZACHARY ALAKA‘I LUM**, for Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina – Keauhou (Keauhou)
- **CHELLE PAHINUI AND ILIHIA GIONSON**, for Marketplace – Cyril Pahinui (Pahinui Productions)
- **KALIKOLĪHAU PAIK**, for Lei Lehua – Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)

International Album Special Recognition Award – Award restricted to non-US artists (those born in and who reside in the country in which the submission originates).

- **DUETS**, Hook & Takashi Nakamura (Happy Field/Hook)
- **INSIDE BLUES LEE**, Blues Lee (Blues Records)
- **MY DEAR UKULELE**, Ryo Natoyama (King Records)
- **NIGHT WITH CAT, A**, Star Wish ‘Ukulele Band (Burroughs Studio)
- **PĪHALANĪ**, Kaulana (Kaulana)