

2019 NĀ HŌKŪ HANO HANO AWARDS – Finalists

GENERAL CATEGORIES

Album 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”) Release of the Year

- <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

- 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 Hanohano – Pandanus Club (KM Music)
- Moments – Marlowe (*no label listed*)

Single of the Year

- 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

- Aia La O Pele – Kailua Moon (Lava Rock Music)
- E Pi‘i Mai – Kamaka Camarillo (Kamaka Camarillo)
- He Aloha Waiau – 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

- Eō E Nā Wai ‘Ehā by Kamalei Kawa‘a, Kamaehu Kawa‘a, Gregory Kahikina Juan, Edward Kalanikini Juan from *Nā Wai ‘Ehā* – Nā Wai ‘Ehā (NWE Records)
- Kipona Aloha by Nathan Aweau from *Mau Loa* Bass Plus Music Arts
- Lei Lehua by Mark Yamanaka and Kalikolihau Paik from *Lei Lehua* – Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)
- Leo Kama‘āina by Keawe Lopes and Keoni Souza from *Aloha from Nā Hoa* – Nā Hoa (NH Records)

- Waikalua by Nicholas Keali'i Lum from *Ua Kō, Ua 'Āina* – Keauhou (Keauhou)

Instrumental Composition of the Year

- 'A'ali'i Kū Makani by Aldrine Guerrero from *Ola Ka 'Āina* – Various Kanile'a Artists (Kanile'a 'Ukulele)
- Kaius by Kamuela Kahoano from *My Hawaii (Will Always Be Here)* (Green Light Go HI Productions)
- Lele by Kaleo Phillips from *E Mama* – Kaleo Phillips (Maui Tribe Records)
- Life Is by Kris Fuchigami from *Life Is* – Kris Fuchigami (*no label listed*)
- Water by Taimane Gardner from *Elemental* – Tamaine (Diamond Entertainment LLC)

Music Video of the Year

- Celebrate – Henry Kaponō (Kaponō 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

- Aja for *Pilina* (*no label listed*)
- Anuheā for *Follow Me: Deluxe Hawaii Edition* (Sono Record Group/AnuheāJams)
- 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

- 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

- Eklou for *Eklou 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

- Pomaika'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

- 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 of the Year

- 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

- 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 (Kaponono Records) Henry Kaponono, 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

- Beautiful Day – Na Leo (NLP Music, Inc.)
- Follow Me: Deluxe Hawaii Edition – Anuhea (Sono Record Group/AnuheaJams)
- If Knew Then What I Know Now – Conner Snow (*no label listed*)
- Welcome 2 My Paradise – Henry Kaponono (Kaponono Records)
- You – Lance Orillo (Lance Orillo)

Contemporary Acoustic Album of the Year

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- Ekoru Music 3: For Hawai'i – Ekoru (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

- 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

- 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

- Lei Lehua by Kalikolihau Paik and Mark Yamanaka from *Lei Lehua* – Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)
- Leinā’ala by Ānuenue Pūnua and Halehaku Seabury-Akaka from *Aloha From Nā Hoa* – Nā Hoa (NH Records)
- No Ānela Uilani, He Inoa by Zachary Alaka’i Lum from *Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina* – Keauhou (Keauhou)
- Palikea by Louis “Moon” Kauakahi from *Keoni Ku* – Keoni Ku (Tribal Treble Records)
- Waikalua by Nicholas Keali’i Lum from *Ua Kō, Ua ‘Āina* – Keauhou (Keauhou)

Hawaiian Language Performance Award

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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 (Kaponono Records)

Liner Notes Award

- 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)
- Kalikolihau Paik for *Lei Lehua* – Mark Yamanaka (Hulu Kūpuna Productions)

International Album Special Recognition Award

- Duets – Hook & Takashi Nakamura (Happy Field/Hook)
- Inside Blues Lee – Blues Lee (Blues Records)
- My Dear Ukulele – Ryo Nakayama (King Records)
- Night with Cat, A – Star Wish Ukulele Band (Burroughs Studio)
- Pīhalanī – Kaulana (Kaulana)