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Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts Announces Finalists for 43rd Annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards

*The annual awards show will celebrate the biggest names in Hawai'i's music industry on
September 10, 2020 at the Hawai'i Convention Center*

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HONOLULU (April 16, 2020) – The votes are in! The finalists for this year's 43rd Annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards include names from among Hawai'i's most talented musicians, songwriters and producers. On this year's final ballot are the top five artists, singles or albums in 36 different categories selected by more than 500 members of the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts (HARA).

"We're excited to honor the accomplishments of these talented individuals as they perpetuate Hawai'i's music and represent our beautiful, Aloha state," said Tadia Rice, CEO of the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts.

"This has been an exceptionally difficult time so we look forward to coming together in September to enjoy a special, memorable evening celebrating our local musicians and island music. HARA has ensured that the music and aloha of our precious land has grown and flourished to become a globally recognized genre. The Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, founded in 1978, truly demonstrates that our "Stars of Distinction" reflect the highest artistic excellence of musicians, composers, videographers, and creative expressions that embrace Hawaiian heritage."

Winners from each category will be recognized on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the 43rd Annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards at the Hawai'i Convention Center. The star-studded night will be broadcast live on KFVE-TV (K5), and streamed internationally. For more information, please visit www.nahokuhanohano.org/.

The Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts has also established the Kokua Hawai'i Entertainers Fund to benefit its members – many of which are without work during this pandemic. All tax deductible contribution raised will go towards helping HARA's musicians during this difficult time. HARA, a 501c3 non-profit since 1981, has served the Hawaiian music community for over four decades. For more information on how to make a donation, please visit www.harahawaii.com.



A selection of this year's 2020 Nā Hōkū Hanohano finalists are included below. For a full list of finalists in all categories please reference the attached list.

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

- **21°N 158°W**, Natalie Ai Kamauu (Keko Records)
- **KA LEI MOANA**, Kūpaoa (Hulu Kupuna)
- **KALAWAI‘ANUI**, Amy Hānaiali‘i (Ua Records)
- **LOVELY SUNRISE**, Nā Wai ‘Eha (NWE Records)
- **UA KUI A LAWAWA**, Josh Tatofi (90211000)

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

- **DESECRATION**, Ekolu (Waiehu Records)
- **GRANDPA**, Anuheia (Anuheia Jams / 12)
- **MY HAWAI‘I**, The Green feat. Sean Na‘auao, Kaumakaiwa, Kumu Hina (Easy Star Records ES-3077)
- **TAKE ALOHA WITH YOU**, Kūpaoa (Hulu Kupuna)
- **YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE (This Little Light of Mine)**, Kimié Miner (Haku Records)

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

- **AMY HĀNAIALI‘I**, for Kalawai‘anui (Ua Records)
- **HAWANE RIOS**, for Ku Kia‘i Mauna Together We Rise (Religion Records A&C)
- **KARLIE G**, for Karlie G Christmas (KGM Productions)
- **MAGGIE HERRON**, for Renditions (Herron Song Records)
- **NATALIE AI KAMAUU**, for 21°N 158°W (Keko Records)

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

- **IZIK**, for &Bougainvillea (Zeo Music)
- **JOSH TATOFI**, for Ua Kui A Lawa (90211000)
- **KALA‘E CAMARILLO**, for Feel At Home (No Label)
- **KAULIKE PESCAIA**, for Ku‘u Huaka‘i (no label)
- **KUPU DALIRE-NA‘AUAO**, for Chasing Legacy (Kupz Music)

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

- **EI NEI**, for Hui! (Ei Nei)
- **EKOLU**, for 20 Year Anniversary
- **KŪPAOA**, for Ka Lei Moana (Hulu Kupuna)



- **NĀ WAI 'EHA**, for Lovely Sunrise (NWE Records)
- **THE GREEN**, for Black & White (Easy Star Records, ES-1071)

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

- **EI NEI**, for Hui! (Ei Nei)
- **HAWANE RIOS**, for Ku Kia'i Mauna Together We Rise (Religion Records A&C/RAC002-8)
- **KAMAKA CAMARILLO**, for S.O.U.L. Songs of Unexpected Life (No Label)
- **KAULIKE PESCAIA**, for Ku'u Huaka'i (No Label)
- **KUIKAWA**, for Kū I Ka Wā (Kuikawa Music)

The Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts (HARA) is a non-profit corporation registered as a 501 (c) (3) organization in the State of Hawai'i. Its stated mission is to promote the study of the awareness and preservation of Hawai'i's recording industry. HARA produces the annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, the Lifetime Achievement Awards, and the Mele Hawai'i music education program.

For more information on the academy or to attend the 43rd Annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, visit: www.nahokuhanohano.org.

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About Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts (HARA)

The Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts (HARA) was established in 1981 with a mission to preserve, perpetuate, promote and celebrate Hawai'i's music and recording industry. The organization is responsible for coordinating and hosting the Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, which today has evolved into an industry awards ceremony administered by recording professionals. HARA also honors music industry pioneers at its Lifetime Achievement Awards

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