

# HAWAI'I ACADEMY of RECORDING ARTS

## 2016 Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards

### FINAL BALLOT NOMINEES

#### GENERAL CATEGORIES

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

1. **NATALIE AI KAMAUU**, *La La La La* (Keko)
2. **AMY HĀNAIALI'I**, *Chardonnay* (Ua)
3. **MAILANI**, *Pacific Gem* (Hā)
4. **LILY MEOLA**, *They Say...* (no label)
5. **KIMIE MINER**, *Kimie Miner* (Kimie Miner)

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

1. **BEN & MAILA**, *All About Love* (Dream)
2. **CRIMSON APPLE**, *Hello* (Crimson Apple)
3. **KAHULANUI**, *From Hawai'i to New York* (Kahulanui)
4. **MAUNALUA**, *He Inoa* (Lokahi)
5. **ROUGH RIDERS, THE**, *We Ride* (Rough Rider)

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

1. **NATHAN AWEAU**, *Āina Hānau* (Bass Plus Music Arts)
2. **JIMMY BORGES**, *Jimmy Borges* (Mountain Apple)
3. **MICHAEL KEALE**, *No Ka Beauty* (PRM)
4. **MIKE LOVE**, *Love Will Find A Way* (Love Not War)
5. **SEAN NA'AUAO**, *Lehua Beauty* (Mountain Apple)

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

1. **BLAYNE ASING**, *Young, Old Soul* (no label)
2. **CRIMSON APPLE**, *Hello* (Crimson Apple)
3. **KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS CHILDREN'S CHORUS**, *He Koa Mau A Mau* (KSBE)
4. **LILY MEOLA**, *They Say...* (no label)
5. **TIM ROSE**, *Tim Rose* (no label)

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

1. **"365,"** Kapena featuring Kalenaku (KDE)
2. **"IN THE END (HISESSIONS),"** Nathan Aweau (HiSessions)
3. **"NEW MELODY,"** Kapena featuring Pena Bu & Kay-Oh! (KDE)
4. **"OHOHIA KO KA HONUA,"** Kūpaoa (Hulu Kupuna)
5. **"SHOWER TREE,"** Natalie Ai Kamauu (Keko)

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

1. **ALOOOHA**, Danny and Nicholas Kaleikini (Ming Pur)
2. **BROTHER FOR THE PEOPLE**, Taz Vegas (RSM)
3. **FROM HAWAI'I TO NEW YORK**, Kahulanui (Kahulanui)
4. **UKULELE WHAT?**, Ka'imi Hanano'eau (Loihi)
5. **WE RIDE**, The Rough Riders (Rough Rider)

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

1. **ĀINA HĀNAU**, Nathan Aweau (Bass Plus Music Arts) Nathan Aweau – producer
2. **CHARDONNAY**, Amy Hānaiali'i (Ua) Michael Ruff – producer
3. **HE INOA**, Maunalua (Lokahi) Lokahi Records – producer
4. **JIMMY BORGES**, Jimmy Borges (Mountain Apple) Jon de Mello – producer
5. **LA LA LA LA**, Natalie Ai Kamauu (Keko) David Tucciarone, Natalie Ai Kamauu, and Iolani Kamauu – producers
6. **LEHUA BEAUTY**, Sean Na'auao (Mountain Apple) Jon de Mello – producer

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

1. **"ĀINA HĀNAU"** by Nathan Aweau from *ĀINA HĀNAU*, Nathan Aweau (Bass Plus Music Arts)
2. **"HE MAKANA A KA PU'UWAI"** by Louis "Moon" Kauakahi from *A GIFT OF THE HEART*, Mark Yamanaka & Kūpaoa (Hulu Kupuna)
3. **"MAUNALUA HE INOA"** by Manu Boyd from *HE INOA*, Maunalua (Lokahi)
4. **"SHOWER TREE"** by Kihei Nahale-a and Natalie Ai Kamauu from *LA LA LA LA*, Natalie Ai Kamauu (Keko)
5. **"UALE'A O KA MAHINA"** by Amy Hānaiali'i from *CHARDONNAY*, Amy Hānaiali'i (Ua)

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

1. **"Cassandra,"** by Henry Kaponu from *WE RIDE*, The Rough Riders (Rough Rider)
2. **"Moemoea,"** by Kris Fuchigami from *MOEMOEAE*, Kris Fuchigami (Kris Fuchigami)
3. **"Old Pali,"** by Jeff Peterson from *O'AHU*, Jeff Peterson (Peterson)
4. **"Pi'iholo Sunset,"** by George Kahumoku, Jr. From *PANILO SLACK KEY – SONGS OF THE HAWAIIAN COWBOY*, George Kahumoku, Jr. (Kealia Farms)
5. **"Summer of 81,"** by Nathan Aweau from *ĀINA HĀNAU*, Nathan Aweau (Bass Plus Music Arts)
6. **"Travels,"** by Jake Shimabukuro from *TRAVELS*, Jake Shimabukuro (Hitchhike)

**Favorite Entertainer of the Year** – Best performance by an artist or group.

1. **NATALIE AI KAMAUU**
2. **NATHAN AWEAU**
3. **BEN & MAILA**
4. **JIMMY BORGES**
5. **AMY HĀNAIALI'I**
6. **KAWIKA KAHIAPO**
7. **MAUNALUA**
8. **SEAN NA'AUAO**
9. **JEFF PETERSON**
10. **STREETLIGHT CADENCE**
11. **MARK YAMANAKA & KŪPAOA**

**GENRE CATEGORIES**

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

1. **AMERICAN BOY**, Erin Smith (Erin Smith Music)
2. **BEYOND PARADISE**, Streetlight Cadence (Streetlight Cadence)
3. **HELLO**, Crimson Apple (Crimson Apple)
4. **STARK**, Sebastian Hughes (Stark)
5. **TIM ROSE**, Tim Rose (no label)

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

1. **30**, Kapena (KDE) Kapena De Lima – producer
2. **HŌ'ULU'ULU 'ĒLUA**, Kuuipo Kumukahi (Kumu 1) Kaohulani Aiu, Kuulei Haili and Kuualoha Zepeda producers
3. **'OHINA MELE**, Kenneth Makuakāne (KM) Kenneth Makuakāne, Jim Uyeda, and Keola Donaghy – producers
4. **ONCE THIS LIFETIME**, Dennis and Christy Soares (Elation) Dennis Soares – producer
5. **STILL CHASING THE SUN**, Dennis and Christy Soares (Elation) Dennis Soares – producer

**Christmas Album of the Year – Best performance in a Christmas theme.**

1. **CHRISTMAS RUSH**, Abrigo 'Ohana (Abrigo 'Ohana)
2. **GIFT OF THE HEART, A**, Mark Yamanaka & Kūpaoa (Hulu Kupuna)
3. **METAL KALIKIMAKA – VOLUME 2**, Tin Idols (TIP)

**Comedy Album of the Year – Best comedy performance release on album or DVD.**

1. **DEATH BY SNU SNU**, Harold Wong (Pass Out)
2. **ELECTRIC ISLAND**, Kepa Kruse (Petroglyph)
3. **I'M NOT THAT GUY**, Patrick Tyrrell (Pass Out)
4. **LIBRARY MAFIA**, Anthony Silano (Pass Out)
5. **SACRED SNAIL**, Oil In the Alley (Improverished)

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

1. **ALOHA 'IA NŌ 'O MAUI**, Institute of Hawaiian Music (no label) Keola Donaghy – producer
2. **DISCOVERED**, Various Artists (Elation) Dennis Soares – producer
3. **REFLECTIONS PROJECT – MAUI JAZZ 2015, THE**, Various Artists (Rock the Rock) Lauren Burgess and Steven Burgess – producers
4. **SUMMER DREAM**, Various Artists (Daddy Leopard) Brandon Apeles and Michelle Aquino – producers

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

1. **CHARDONNAY**, Amy Hānaiali'i (Ua)
2. **ECHOES**, Aidan James (Aidan James)
3. **KIMIE MINER**, Kimie Miner (Kimie Miner)
4. **THEY SAY...**, Lily Meola (no label)
5. **YOUNG, OLD SOUL**, Blayne Asing (no label)

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

1. **AHUWALE**, Chad Takatsugi (Koops2)
2. **HE INOA**, Maunalua (Lokahi)
3. **LA LA LA LA**, Natalie Ai Kamaau (Keko)
4. **LEHUA BEAUTY**, Sean Na'auao (Mountain Apple)
5. **MAKAHA SONS MEMOIRS**, Jerome Koko and Daniel Ho (DHC)

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

1. **BUDDY NOWHERE 1930'S**, Rich Crandall (Music Formats)
2. **PACIFIC HARP PROJECT**, Pacific Harp Project (Megan Bledsoe Ward)
3. **RAINBOW ROAD**, Nancy Shoop-Wu (Lei Hoku)
4. **SOLITARY WAY, A**, Dennis Soares (Elation)
5. **TOUCH THE SKY**, Eden Kai (Eden Kai)
6. **WHEN TIME STOOD STILL**, Dennis Soares (Elation)

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

1. **'ĀINA HĀNAU**, Nathan Aweau (Bass Plus)
2. **ALL ABOUT LOVE**, Ben and Maila (Dream)
3. **GARDEN, THE**, Mele'uhane: Keikilani and Leokani Lindsey (Tiki Time)
4. **LEGEND OF THE GREY WOLF, THE**, Dennis Kamakahi (Makai)
5. **NO KA BEAUTY**, Michael Keale (PRM)

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

1. **JIMMY BORGES**, Jimmy Borges (Mountain Apple)
2. **KOELE MIST**, Henry Allen (Rainbow)
3. **LOVE WANTS TO DANCE**, Jimmy C (Jimmy C)
4. **SOIRÉE EDITH PIAF**, L'Escargot: Pierre Grill, Duane Padilla, and Mimi Hafele (RVR)
5. **SWANKY 2**, Patrick von Wiegandt (Von Wiegandt)

**Music DVD of the Year – Best performance of music and video on a DVD.**

1. **BROTHER FOR THE PEOPLE – OFFICIAL MUSIC VIDEO**, Taz Vegas (RSM)
2. **KA 'ELE KŪ**, Eddie Tanaka (Mystical Molokai)
3. **SWANKY 2 – MY VALENTINE**, Patrick von Wiegandt (Von Wiegandt)

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

1. **LIVE FROM KAUIAI**, Taj Mahal & The Hula Blues Band (Kuleana)
2. **UNREQUITED**, Rikah (Indie)
3. **YEARS IN THE BREAKING**, Joni Llamedo (Joni Llamedo)

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

1. **ARTIST OF MY LIFE**, Sons of Yeshua (Righteous Rudeboy)
2. **E MAVAE ATU TUPULAGA**, Penieli LOC Worship Team (no label)
3. **GREATER TOGETHER**, New Hope Oahu (NHO/Dream)
4. **MWAREITI KOP**, Arrows of Destiny Worship Academy (no label)
5. **ONE OHANA IN JESUS**, Randy, Gay, and Andrew Hongo (Christian Vision)

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

1. **AWAKENING**, Jamie Gallo (Jamie Gallo)
2. **BROKEN PROMISES**, 82Fifty (Lab munkeez)
3. **ENDANGERED SPECIES**, Stuart Hollinger (Keala)
4. **HEAVY CROWN, THE**, Pimpbot (Pass Out)
5. **STORM'S A BREWIN'**, Storm (TIP)

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

1. **NAHE'OLU**, Patrick Landeza (Addison Street)
2. **O'AHU**, Jeff Peterson (Peterson)
3. **PANILO SLACK KEY – SONGS OF THE HAWAIIAN COWBOY**, George Kahumoku, Jr. (Kealia Farms)

**'Ukulele Album of the Year – Best 'ukulele performance.**

1. **JUS CUZ, UKULELE DUETS**, Da Ukulele Boyz (Peter D)
2. **LOW "G"**, Kimo Hussey (Neos)
3. **TRAVELS**, Jake Shimabukuro (Hitchhike)
4. **'UKULELE FRIENDS**, Bryan Tolentino and Herb Ohta, Jr. (Neos)
5. **WE ARE MADE OF STARS**, Taimane (no label)

**TECHNICAL CATEGORIES**

**GRAPHICS AWARD – Award for best total album packaging.**

1. **MICHAEL HIPOLITO**, for *BEYOND PARADISE* by Streetlight Cadence (Streetlight Cadence)
2. **STACEY LEONG MILLS AND KARYN YASUI LAU**, for *AHUWALE* by Chad Takatsugi (Koops2)
3. **KEIKILANI LINDSEY**, for *THE GARDEN* by Meleuhane: Keikilani and Leokani Lindsey (Tiki Time)
4. **B. KANAI'A NAKAMURA**, for *HE INOA* by Maunaloa (Lokahi)
5. **B. KANAI'A NAKAMURA**, for *JIMMY BORGES* by Jimmy Borges (Mountain Apple)

**Liner Notes Award** – Award for best liner notes.

1. **CHAD TAKATSUGI AND DR. KEAWE LOPES**, for *AHUWALE* by Chad Takatsugi (Koops2)
2. **MICHAEL KEALE**, for *NO KA BEAUTY* by Michael Keale (PRM)
3. **JON MAGNUSSEN AND KALAMA CABIGON**, for *PAKA'A LANAKILA* by Spring Wind Quintet (Chamber Music Hawaii)
4. **GEORGE KAHUMOKU, JR.**, for *PANILOLO SLACK KEY – SONGS OF THE HAWAIIAN COWBOY* by George Kahumoku, Jr. (Kealia Farms)
5. **HARRY B. SORIA, JR. AND NINA KEALI'IWAHAMANA**, for *PAULINE KEKAHUNA AND HER HAU'OLI GIRLS* by Pauline Kekahuna and Her Hau'oli Girls (Cord/Hana Ola)

**ADJUDICATED CATEGORIES**

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

1. **"He Aloha Nu'uanu"** by Dr. Lisa Takatsugi and Chad Takatsugi, from *AHUWALE*, Chad Takatsugi (Koops2)
2. **"He Wehi No Pauahi"** by Kahikina De Silva and Chad Takatsugi, from *AHUWALE*, Chad Takatsugi (Koops2)
3. **"Maunalua He Inoa"** by Manu Boyd, from *HE INOA*, Maunalua (Lokahi)
4. **"Nani Ke Ao Nei"** by Lynell Bright, from *HE KOA MAU A MAU*, Kamehameha Schools Children's Chorus (KSBE)
5. **"Rose Onaona"** by Chad Takatsugi, from *AHUWALE*, Chad Takatsugi (Koops2)

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

1. **Abrigo 'Ohana**, for *'OPAE'ULA (Ábrigo Ohana)*
2. **Institute of Hawaiian Music**, for *ALOHA 'IA NŌ 'O MAUI* (no label)
3. **Maunalua**, for *HE INOA* (Lokahi)
4. **Mele'uhane: Keikilani and Leokani Lindsey**, for *THE GARDEN* (Tiki Time)
5. **Chad Takatsugi**, for *AHUWALE* (Koops2)

**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)

1. **KUPULAU**, Keiko (Ao Aqua)
2. **I AROUND**, Rio (no label)
3. **NEW WORLD**, Daichi Watanabe (Clever Sea)
4. **UKULELE MERRY CHRISTMAS**, Ryo Natoyama (Intense Music)
5. **UKULELE SPLASH**, Ryo Natoyama (Intense Music)

**Engineering Award: Hawaiian Category** – Best achievement in sound recording and mix-down for recording of Hawaiian music styles.

1. **Pierre Grill**, for *'Olu'olu* by Maikapu'uwai
2. **Shawn Pimental and Michael Grande**, for *Ahuwale* by Chad Takatsugi
3. **Dave Tucciarone**, for *La La La La* by Natalie Ai Kamauu
4. **Dave Tucciarone**, for *He Inoa* by Maunalua
5. **Lawrence Yurong**, for *Lehua Beauty* by Sean Na'auao

**Engineering Award: General Categories** – Best achievement in sound recording and mix-down for all other genre recordings.

1. **Milan Bertosa**, for *Travels* by Jake Shimabukuro
2. **Milan Bertosa**, for *Pacific Harp Project* by Pacific Hart Project
3. **Pierre Grill**, for *Never Before* by Lou Armagno
4. **Gaylord Holomalua**, for *We Ride* by the Rough Riders
5. **Lawrene Yurong**, for *Jimmy Borges* by Jimmy Borges