



# The Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards 2010 Finalists

## Most Promising Artist(s) of the Year

Most Promising first-recorded effort as a featured artist or group (must be Hawai'i resident).

**RODNEY CAZIMERO**, *Kohala Moon* (Heloke)  
**ANUHEA JENKINS**, *Anuheia* (OneHawaii)  
**KOLOHE KAI**, *This is the Life* (Go Aloha)  
**KULEWA**, *Kulewa* (Oversized)  
**ALVIN OKAMI**, *Just Uke and Me* (KoAloha)

## Female Vocalist of the Year

Best performance by a female artist (must be Hawai'i resident).

**NOHELANI CYPRIANO**, *Pulelehu..My Precious Butterfly* (Pulelehua)  
**AMY HANAIALI'I**, *Friends and Family of Hawai'i* (Ua)  
**RAIATEA HELM**, *Raiatea Live!* (Raiatea Helm)  
**LORNA LIM**, *Polinahe*, (Palm)  
**MAILANI**, *Mailani* (Mountain Apple)

## Reggae Album of the Year

Best performance of music in a reggae style.

**BRING BACK THE DAYS**, *Rebel Souljahz* (Go Aloha)  
**EKOLU MUSIC II: ANTHEM**, *Ekolu* (Waiehu)  
**GO JIMMY GO**, *Go Jimmy Go* (Go Jimmy Go)  
**PRESS PLAY**, *Nesian N.I.N.E* (B.I.G.)  
**THIS IS THE LIFE**, *Kolohe Kai* (Go Aloha)

## Religious Album of the Year

Best performance of religious material.

**C. Z. RUNNER**, *Kamalei Mark Teves* (no label)  
**KALANA**, *Barrett Awai* (Diamond Head Christian Records)  
**NU OLI**, *Na Leo Ho'onani* (Reign)  
**TESTAFIYAH**, *Testafiyah* (Crossstick)

## Male Vocalist of the Year

Best performance by a male artist (must be Hawai'i resident). (Two way tie for 5th place.)

**BROTHER NOLAND**, *Hawaiian Man* (Mountain Apple)  
**O'BRIAN ESELU**, *Aloha E, Aloha E, Aloha E* (Hiki No)  
**ULUWEHI GUERRERO**, *Uluwehi Sings Nā Mele Hula Aloha* (Kaulupono)  
**UNCLE WILLIE K**, *Uncle Willie K Live from Mulligan's on the Blue* (Maui Tribe)  
**KELI'I KANEALI'I**, *Kaua'i* (Mountain Apple)  
**HENRY KAPONO**, *The Wild Hawaiian Experience* (Eclectic)

## Music Video DVD of the Year

Best performance of music and video on a DVD (75% musical performance).

**DRESS FOR LIFE, THE**, *June Simon* (Golden Bell House)  
**RAIATEA LIVE!**, *Raiatea Helm* (Raiatea Helm)  
**UNCLE WILLIE K LIVE AT MULLIGANS ON THE BLUE**, *Uncle Willie K* (Maui Tribe)  
**WILD HAWAIIAN EXPERIENCE, THE**, *Henry Kapon* (Eclectic)  
**WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION**, *Kawao* (Jus-Us Kawao)

## R&B/Hip Hop Album of the Year

Best performance of music in a R&B or Hip Hop style.

**BEFORE MY LAST BREATH**, *Ryan Hiraoka* (Rubbah Slippah)  
**NOBODY OWNS ME**, *Faioso* (Pearl City Publishing)  
**RAPS 2 DA MAX**, *Mo Illa Pillaz* (no label)  
**SITUATION**, *Pone Boy* (Hitropolis)

### **Rock Album of the Year**

Best performance of music in a rock style.

**ACOUSTI-ME**, Kona (LineKona)  
**CANEFIELD HERO**, David Tamaoka (MIX)  
**DON'T SLOW DOWN**, The Throwdowns (The Throwdowns)  
**SIMPLE TRUTH**, Gail Swanson (no label)  
**WHITE MARKS ON A WHITE WALL**, Linus! (Linus)

### **Island Music Album of the Year**

Best contemporary performance of music of or about Hawai'i.

**ALOHA PUMEHANA**, Darlene Ahuna (Daniel Ho)  
**E KU'UIPO E HULA MAI ME A'U**, Ku'uipo Kumukahi (Ward)  
**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF HAWAII**, Amy Hanai'ali'i (Ua)  
**HAWAIIAN MAN**, Brother Noland (Mountain Apple)  
**KAUA'I**, Keli'i Kaneali'i (Mountain Apple)

### **Group of the Year**

Best performance by a vocal duo or group (must be Hawai'i resident).

**DE LIMA OHANA**, *Kupu A'e* (KDE)  
**EDDIE KAMAE AND THE SONS OF HAWAII**, *Yesterday and Today, Volume 2*(Hawaii Sons)  
**HO'OKENA**, *Nani Mau Loa "Everlasting Beauty"* (Ho'omau)  
**NA PALAPALAI**, Nanea (Hulu Kupuna)  
**WAIPUNA**, *Mana'o Pili* (Poki)

### **Instrumental Album of the Year**

Best instrumental performance. (Two way tie for 5th place.)

**FOUR STRINGS: THE FIRE WITHIN**, Brittini Paiva (Talmidim)  
**FROM HIS HEART**, Derick Sebastian (Cross Path)  
**LANI**, Chiyo Flynn and Bruce Shimabukuro (Forever)  
**LIVE**, Jake Shimabukuro (Hitchhike)  
**SOLO 'UKULELE ORCHESTRATIONS**, Gordon Mark (Daniel Ho)  
**WAIHUA**, Ranga Pae (Cave)

### **Anthology of the Year**

Producer's award - best album of previously released material. Award to local producer (must be Hawai'i resident).

**BRIGHT CHRISTMAS, A**, Teresa Bright (Teresa Bright) Kit Ebersbach and DJ Pratt - producers  
**NA LEO 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION**, Nā Leo Pilimehana (NLP) Nā Leo Pilimehana - producers  
**SEAN NA'AUAO HOT HITS**, Sean Na'auao (Mountain Apple) Sean Na'auao - producer  
**TOM MOFFATT 50 YEARS OF MUSIC IN HAWAII**, Various Artists (Shaka) George Chun and Andrea Dismuke - producers  
**ULTIMATE VIBES: THE BEST OF NATURAL VIBRATIONS**, Natural Vibrations (Natural Vibrations)  
Natural Vibrations - producers

### **Compilation Album of the Year**

Producer's award. Best performance of newly released material by a minimum of three distinct artists. Award to local producer.(must be Hawai'i resident).

**CROSSSTICK COLLECTIVE, VOL. 1**, Various Artists (Crossstick) Vernon Kapua'ala - producer  
**DJ JIMMY TACO AND SLAPP SYMPHONY PRESENTS SLAPP COLLECTIVE** Various Artists (Slapp Symphony)  
James Westbrook and Leti Leti - producers  
**HULA ISLAND STYLE, VOLUME 1** Various Artists (Keala) Greg Sardinha - producer  
**'IKE O NA KUMU HULA (INSIGHTS OF HULA SOURCES)**, Various Artists (Lamaku Society) Tony Conjugacion and Pierre Grill - producers  
**MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN SLACK KEY GUITAR**, Various Artists (Daniel Ho) George Kahumoku, Jr., Paul Konwiser, and Wayne Wong - producers

### **Jazz Album of the Year**

Best Jazz Performance.

**COME TOGETHER**, Ginai with Pierre Grill (RVR)  
**GIRL TALK**, Hula Honeys (Ululoa)  
**JUST UKE AND ME**, Alvin Okami (KoAloha)  
**LAST TAKES WITH RORY**, The Rich Crandall Trio (Music Formats)  
**UKULELE VIBES**, Abe Lagrimas, Jr. (Pass Out)

### **Hawaiian Album of the Year**

Best performance of Hawaiian music.

**MAILANI**, Mailani (Mountain Apple)

**NANEA**, Nā Palapalai (Hulu Kupuna)

**POLINAHE**, Lorna Lim (Palm)

**ULUWEHI SINGS NĀ MELE HULA ALOHA**, Uluwehi Guerrero (Kaulupono)

**YESTERDAY AND TODAY, VOLUME 2**, Eddie Kamae and the Sons of Hawaii (Hawaii Sons)

### **Contemporary Album of the Year**

Best performance in a contemporary style.

**ANUHEA**, Anuheha Jenkins (OneHawaii)

**C & K**, Cecilio and Kapono (C & K)

**LOVE & PEACE AND UNITY**, Iolani and Natalie Ai Kamaau (Keko)

**PULELEHUA..MY PRECIOUS BUTTERFLY**, Nohelani Cypriano (Pulelehua)

**SOUTH OF THE BOUDOIR**, Don Tiki (Taboo)

### **Album of the Year**

Best Compact Disc release of the year. Award to local resident artist and producer (must be Hawai'i resident)

**E KU'UIPO E HULA MAI ME A`U**, Ku`uipo Kumukahi (Ward) Ku`uipo Kumukahi, Karen Aiu, Isaac Akuna, and Steve Kramer – producers

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF HAWAII**, Amy Hanaiali'i (Ua) Amy Hanaiali'i and Matt Catingub – producers

**MAILANI**, Mailani (Mountain Apple) Dr. Trey and Jon de Mello – producers

**NANEA**, Nā Palapalai (Hulu Kupuna) Kale Chang and Hulu Kupuna Productions – producers

**ULUWEHI SINGS NĀ MELE HULA ALOHA**, Uluwehi Guerrero (Kaulupono) Uluwehi Guerrero and Pono Fried – producers

### **Song of the Year**

Best achievement in creating a first-time recorded song (Must be Hawai'i Resident).

**"I Love Kaua'i"** by Keli'i Kaneali'i from *KAUA'I*, Keli'i Kaneali'i (Mountain Apple)

**"Ka Ni'o O Maleka `Ailana"** by Manu Boyd and Horace Dudoit, III from *NANI MAU LOA- EVERLASTING BEAUTY*, Ho`okena (Ho`omau)

**"Nani Kamakura"** by Uluwehi Guerrero and Pono Fried from *ULUWEHI SINGS NĀ MELE HULA ALOHA*, Uluwehi Guerrero (Kaulupono)

**"Pā Aheaha"** by Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom, Gary Kalehua Krug, Jr., and Matt Catingub from *FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF HAWAII*, Amy Hanaiali'i (Ua)

**"Polinahe"** by Lorna Lim and Wailau Ryder from *POLINAHE*, Lorna Lim (Palm)

### **Slack Key Album of the Year**

Best Performance of slack key or vocals with slack key accompaniment.

**HŌ`IHI (RESPECT)**, Ozzie Kotani (No Label)

**KANI WAI: SOUND OF WATER**, George Kahumoku, Jr. and Bob Brozman (Kealia Farms)

**MAUI ON MY MIND**, Jeff Peterson (Peterson)

### **Favorite Entertainer of the Year**

(Must be Hawaii Resident)

**BROTHER NOLAND**

**AMY HANAIALI'I**

**ULUWEHI GUERRERO**

**HO`OKENA**

**EDDIE KAMAE AND THE SONS OF HAWAII**

**KU'UIPO KUMUKAHI**

**LORNA LIM**

**NĀ PALAPALAI**

**JEFF PETERSON**

**JAKE SHIMABUKURO**

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## 2010 Technical Finalists

### Graphics Award

Best Designed and created album package. Digital download-only releases are ineligible. (Two way tie for 5th place.)

**BROTHER NOLAND, JON de MELLO, AND KEITH USHER**, for *HAWAIIAN MAN*, Brother Noland (Mountain Apple)

**HIRASAKI NAKAGAWA DESIGN**, for *PULELEHUA..MY PRECIOUS BUTTERFLY*, Nohelani Cypriano (Pulelehua)

**SCOTT JOHNSON**, for *DON'T SLOW DOWN*, The Throwdowns (The Throwdowns)

**STACEY LEONG DESIGN**, for *MAUI ON MY MIND*, Jeff Peterson (Peterson)

**KATHY LONG**, for *FOUR STRINGS: THE FIRE WITHIN*, Brittni Paiva (Talmidim)

**KUHAO ZANE**, for *POLINAHE*, Lorna Lim (Palm)

### Liner Notes Award

Best liner notes. Digital download-only releases are ineligible. (Four way tie for 5th place.)

**BARRETT AWAI**, for *KALANA*, Barrett Awai (Diamond Head Christian Records)

**TONY CONJUGACION**, for *ʻIKE O NĀ KUMU HULA (INSIGHTS OF THE HULA SOURCES)*, Various Artists (Lamaku)

**ULUWEHI GUERRERO**, for *ULUWEHI SINGS NĀ MELE HULA ALOHA*, Uluwehi Guerrero (Kaulupono)

**NEIL HANNAHS**, for *MANA O PILI*, Waipuna (Poki)

**KAWAIKAPUOKALANI HEWETT**, for *HO`OLA I KA POLI*, Kawaikapuokalani Hewett (Daniel Ho Creations)

**GEORGE AND NANCY KAHUMOKU**, for *KANI WAI: SOUND OF WATER*, George Kahumoku, Jr. and Bob Brozman (Daniel Ho Creations)

**CINDY A. LANCE**, for *BABA ALIMOOT*, Baba Alimoot (Hula)

**LARRY SPIELER**, for *YESTERDAY AND TODAY, VOLUME 2*, Eddie Kamae and the Sons of Hawai`i (Hawai`i Sons, Inc.)

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## 2010 ADJUDICATED FINALISTS

### **Haku Mele**

**(Composer's Award)** Best first-released song or chant primarily in the Hawaiian Language.

**Hanohano Helumoa**, by *Manu Boyd* from NANI MAU LOA – EVERLASTING BEAUTY, Ho`okena (Ho`omau, Inc.)

**He Mele No Kahalu`u**, by *Mailani Makainai and Keola Donaghy* from MAILANI, Mailani (Mountain Apple)

**Ka Ni`o O Maleka `Ailana**, by *Manu Boyd and Horace Dudoit, III* from NANI MAU LOA – EVERLASTING BEAUTY, Ho`okena (Ho`omau, Inc.)

**Kahalaomapuana**, by *Keawe Lopes and Tracie Lopes* from `IKE NĀ KUMU HULA (INSIGHTS OF HULA SOURCES), Various Artists (Lamaku Society)

**Nani Mau Loa**, by *Horace Dudoit, III, Puakea Nogelemeier, and Manu Boyd* from NANI MAU LOA – EVERLASTING BEAUTY, Ho`okena (Ho`omau, Inc.)

### **Hawaiian Language Performance**

**(Artist Award)** Best Performance in the Hawaiian Language

**ULUWEHI GUERRERO**, Uluwehi Sings Nā Mele Hula Aloha (Kaulupono)

**KAWAIKAPUOKALANI HEWETT**, Ho`ola I ka Poli (Daniel Ho Creations)

**HO`OKENA**, Nani Mau Loa – Everlasting Beauty (Ho`omau, Inc.)

**NĀ PALAPALAI**, Nanea (Hulu Kupuna)

**VARIOUS ARTISTS**, `Ike O Nā Kumu Hula (Insights of Hula Sources) (Lamaku Society)

### **Engineering Award**

Best technical achievement in a sound recording and mix-down.

**WENDELL CHING**, for *G-STYLE*, Micah G (G style)

**GAYLORD HOLOMĀLIA**, for *C&K*, Cecilio and Kaponu (C&K)

**DAVID KAUAHIKAUA AND RON SHORT**, for *KOHALA MOON*, Rodney Cazimero (Heloke)

**DARIN LEONG**, for *MAUI ON MY MIND*, Jeff Peterson (Peterson)

**RON PENDRAGON**, for *BEHIND THE MOON*, Treysara (Indie)