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Aloha mai kākou!

We are pleased to announce the dates for our Annual Kaua‘i Mokihana Festivals Composers Contest and Concert. We hope you and/or your band will have the opportunity to participate. There are 2 dates to remember:

Aug 30 All Application Forms
September 27 (Wed) Composer’s Contest and Concert

Enclosed are the rules, application and consent forms. Please complete and return by August 30, 2023. A recording of your song, background of the composer, lyrics, and a video of you or your band's performance are required.

This year, the Mālie Foundation theme is “Ka Makahiki O Nā Mele O Hawai‘i (Hīmeni, oli a me mele) - Year of Songs and Chants of Hawai‘i.” Together we hope to perpetuate, promote, preserve and educate all things Hawai‘i - music, hula and language throughout our programs and events.

Many blessings to you, your band members, families, friends and supporters. I look forward to having you participate in this year’s event.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Maka Herrod

Mālie Foundation, Executive Director

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KAUA‘I MOKIHANA FESTIVAL

COMPOSERS CONTEST AND CONCERT GENERAL RULES

1. The competition is open to all composers.
2. Each entry shall be wholly original and shall not infringe upon any copyrights or any other rights of any third party. By entering the contest, each entrant shall release, indemnify, and hold harmless all sponsors and cosponsors from any claim relating to the ownership of the submitted materials which include, but are not limited to, the musical score, lyrics, and song title.
3. No music composition or lyrics may be entered that has been released for commercial sale in any medium prior to August 1st of the current festival year.
4. The entrant shall be the author of the song and shall not have granted any copyrights of the song to any other person.
5. The sponsors and cosponsors assume no responsibility for loss or damage to any submitted material. No submitted materials will be returned unless requested.
6. All **entries** must be postmarked and submitted online, **no later than August 30th**. The sponsors and cosponsors reserve the right to extend or cancel this date with reasons.
7. The song must be performed live for the paying public during this year’s scheduled concert before a panel of qualified judges. Videos are no longer permitted. **Composers are highly encouraged to be present to win but is not required.**
8. All decisions of the judges shall be final and binding upon all sponsors, cosponsors, and all entrants.

THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES:

- **HAWAIIAN** - Lyrics in Hawaiian with translation provided.
 - **OPEN** - All other lyrics (non-Hawaiian).
9. The top award in each category will go to the **COMPOSER(S)**. The **NĀ PO‘E AWARD (PEOPLE’S CHOICE)** is based on the highest votes received from the audience. The **PERFORMERS AWARD** is based on the live presentation at the concert by the best act.
 10. Enter as many songs as you like. However, each song must be accompanied by a separate entry form, lyric sheet (with translation if applicable), and fee.
 11. **NO DANCING, SET DROPS, OR ANYTHING ELSE IS PERMITTED AT ALL DURING THE LIVE PERFORMANCE BY PERFORMERS OR OTHER FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THEIR SONG ENTRY. IF DONE, YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED.**
 12. **THERE WILL BE NO REHEARSAL TIME PRIOR TO THE CONCERT.**
 13. Judging for the finalists at the concert will be based on the following criteria and point system.

POINT SYSTEM:

1. **PRESENTATION:** Appearance (5 pts), Showmanship (5 pts), Stage Presentation (5 pts), Total Performance (5 pts). Possible TOTAL: 20 pts
2. **MUSICAL FORM:** Intonation (5 pts), Harmony (5 pts), Balance/Blend (5 pts), Instrumentation (5 pts), Lyrical Content (5 pts). Possible TOTAL: 25 pts
3. **MUSICIANSHIP:** Dynamics (5 pts), Expression (5 pts), Flow/Mood of song (5 pts). Possible TOTAL: 15 pts
4. **COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL:** 15 pts.

GRAND TOTAL (POSSIBLE POINTS): 75 pts



**KAUA‘I MOKIHANA FESTIVAL
KAUA‘I COMPOSERS CONTEST AND CONCERT
APPLICATION FORM**

Song Title: _____

Composer(s): _____

Date Song Completed: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

1. Provide background on composer(s)
2. Provide lyrics on separate document
3. Background on Song (How, Why, When, Where): Sample:
4. Name of individual/group on recording and performing:

CONSENT

I/We, _____, hereby consent that motion pictures, sounds recordings, still photographs, video tapes, and DVD's taken of me/us by the MĀLIE FOUNDATION (MF) or it's assignees, suppliers or representatives or any reproductions of same, may be used by MF or it's assignees, suppliers or representatives for the purpose of advertising, illustration, publication, cablecast or broadcast for public service information and non-profit purposes.

Print name of person submitting application: _____

Signature of person submitting application: _____

Date application submitted: _____

NOTE:

- Deadline: Application must be received by August 30, 2023.
- Submit Application to mfkauai85@gmail.com
- Any questions please email kumuhulamaka@yahoo.com

Checklist:

Completed Application Lyric Sheet Translation