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Aloha mai,

We are pleased to announce the dates for our Annual Kaua'i Mokihana Festival 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
Date TBA 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 composer, lyrics and a video of you or your bands 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 our 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

CELEBRATING OUR 39th ANNIVERSARY
"KA MAKAHIKI O NĀ MELE O HAWAI'I (HĪMENI, OLĪ A ME MELE) - YEAR OF SONGS AND
CHANTS OF HAWAI'I"



KAUA'I MOKIHANA FESTIVAL COMPOSERS CONTEST AND CONCERT GENERAL RULES

1. The competition is open exclusively to Kaua'i 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 co-sponsors 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 musical 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 co-sponsors 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 co-sponsors reserve the right to extend or cancel this date with reasons.
7. COMPOSER have an opportunity to perform their song at a concert for the paying public during this year's scheduled concert before a panel of qualified judges. **Composer is highly encouraged to be present to win.**
8. All decisions of the judges shall be final and binding upon all sponsors, co-sponsors, and all entrants.

THERE ARE SIX CATEGORIES:

- **HAWAIIAN** – Lyrics in Hawaiian with translation provided.
 - **CONTEMPORARY HAWAIIAN** – English lyrics about Hawai'i.
 - **OPEN** – Lyrics Reggae, blues, gospel, rock and roll, jazz, etc.
 - **PROFESSIONAL** – If the **COMPOSER** has completed any record, tape, disc, etc. for sale to the general public, and/or if the **COMPOSER** is presently playing a steady gig, then he or she must enter this category. They can enter any type of song with lyrics included.
9. The top award in each category will go to the **COMPOSER(S)**. The **NA 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. **THERE WILL BE NO MORE THAN THREE (3) FINALISTS IN EACH CATEGORY.** It is the discretion of Mālie Foundation to make changes without notice.
 11. 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.
 12. **NO DANCING, SET PROPS, OR ANYTHING ELSE IS PERMITTED AT ALL DURING THE LIVE PERFORMANCE BY PERFORMERS OR OTHERS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THEIR SONG ENTRY. IF DONE, YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED!**
 13. **THERE WILL BE NO REHEARSAL TIME PRIOR TO THE CONCERT.**

14. You must be present at the concert and awards ceremony to win.
15. Judging for the finalists at the concert will be based on the following criteria and point system.

POINT SYSTEM:

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

GRAND TOTAL (POSSIBLE POINTS): 75 points



**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:
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, sound 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 the 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 Video