Saturday, March 28, 2009, 2pm & 8pm Zellerbach Hall

Nā Lei Hulu I Ka Wēkiu



O'ahu: Confessions of an Island

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ACT I

Greetings O'ahu

Welina Oʻahu Nā Kanaka Holo Lio Pauoa Liko Ka Lehua Ka Ulu Lā'au O Kai 'Ilima Medley

Greetings Oʻahu The Horsemen of Hawai'i At Pauoa the Lehua Buds Emerge The Forest Trees of the Sea A medley of songs in praise of the golden *ilima blossoms* Henehene Kou 'Aka Your Teasing Laughter

> Halona Cove Hālona Hula

Princess Ka'iulani He Mele No Ka'iulani A Song for Ka'iulani 'Āinahau Time After Time

> Hula's Bar and Lei Stand Hualālai Pāpālina Lahilahi Disco Megamix History Repeating

ACT II

Kūkaniloko He Mele No Kūkaniloko A Song for Kūkaniloko, the ancient royal birth site Mele Hānau No Maʻilikūkahi A Birth Chant for Maʻilikūkahi

> Hale'iwa Hale'iwa Hotel/Shores of Hale'iwa

Ka'ena Point Lele Ana O Ka'ena Ka'ena Point Flies Like a Bird Kuʻu Lei Momi (Kaʻena) My Pearl Lei

> Surf's Up He'e Nalu Mua A modern surfing hula

Aloha Oʻahu

Nani Nā Pali Hāuliuli O Nā Koʻolau Beautiful Are the Dark Cliffs of the Koʻolau Honolulu I Am Coming Back Again Nani Ka'ala Beautiful Mt. Kaʻala Oʻahu Luaʻole Incomparable Oʻahu



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> Performers Maile Apau-Norris Nicole Arguello-Yee Janet Auwae-McCoy Heather Barrett Derrick Basilio Kahala Bishaw Jerome Borjal Kaipo Bush Manny Dacalanio Kaila DeFries Jenny Des Jarlais Marleen Esquerra Ryan Fuimaono Debbie Garcia Kristophe Green Rose Guthrie Jo-Anne Hongo Jason Laskey Chris Uesugi Lauer Marlo Lualemana Julie Mau Edna Cabcabin Moran Jason Ogao Chris Pimentel Tanisha Reshke

Neil Romabiles Makani da Silva Santos Sylvia Tewes Lola Tortolero Princess Malia Villegos Heather Walton Desiree Woodward-Lee Lehuanani Zane Linda Zane

Special Guests Kumu Hula Shawna Alapaʻi Matthew Martin

Musicians Kūpaoa (Līhau Hannahs, Kellen Paik)

Lighting DesignerPatty-Ann FarrellStage ManagerRobert KlemmTechnical DirectorMarty McGeeDirector, Kumu HulaPatrick MakuakāneGeneral ManagerJulie MauMahaloAunty Bobbie Mendes,Jerome Espiritu, AuntyKathy and Uncle PaulKing, John Shima,Richard Tavares,Nick TiceNick Tice



Nā Lei Hulu I Ka Wēkiu ("the many feathered wreaths at the summit, held in high esteem") is a dynamic Hawaiian dance company based in San Francisco. The company features hula as a full theatrical experience that is visually captivating, exciting audiences with a rich blend of traditional and contemporary forms of hula. Its trademark hula mua style pays homage to tradition while bringing hula into a modern realm. This innovative approach showcases hula as a living and evolving art form. Founded in 1985 by Director Patrick Makuakāne, Nā Lei Hulu has enjoyed tremendous success in the Bay Area and beyond, garnering audience and critical acclaim. The company holds its annual home season performances at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco. The company has performed in locations throughout California, and in Las Vegas, Reno, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York and Honolulu. Nā Lei Hulu I Ka Wēkiu is committed to teaching and preserving the Hawaiian culture through hula. The organization offers dance classes to over 200 students in the beginning and intermediate levels, and holds educational workshops throughout the year in Hawaiian language, history, and arts and crafts.

Patrick Makuakāne (Director, Kumu Hula) is a creative force in the hula world, and is well known for his innovative choreography. His work is grounded in the traditions and fundamentals of hula, and he labors to keep traditional dances intact as they have been for generations. He has also developed a unique style of hula (called hula mua) that uses modern music to provide a whole new dimension to the poetry of hula. Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i, Mr. Makuakāne began dancing at the age of 13. He has studied with some of Hawai'i's most recognized hula masters, including John Keola Lake, Robert Cazimero and Mae Kamāmalu Klein, and has received numerous awards for his choreography, including several Isadora Duncan Dance Awards ("Izzies") and a prestigious Irvine Fellowship in Dance. In 2006, he received a lifetime achievement award from the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival.