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Nā Hōkū Hanohano Nominees Perform Nightly at Popular Waikīkī Lobby Bar

In celebration of Mele Mei, Hilton Waikīkī Beach highlights music artist line-up

HONOLULU, HAWAII (May 26, 2016) – Music comes alive at the Hilton Waikīkī Beach on Kūhiō with a nightly lineup of local entertainers, most of who have graced the Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards stage as a nominee. In the spirit of Mele Mei, an annual celebration of Hawai'i's music, hula and culture, the Hilton Waikīkī Beach welcomes the public to enjoy music from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at its lobby bar from this stellar cast of musical artists:

- Tavana (Sunday)
- Johnny Helm (Monday)
- Jason Laeha (Tuesday)
- Izik (Wednesday)
- Sunway (Thursday and Friday)
- Tahiti Rey (Saturday)

The lobby bar also features a happy hour from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with drink and food specials from the hotel's premier restaurant MAC 24/7. Valet parking is only \$3 when dining at the Lobby Bar or MAC 24/7.

Mele Mei hits a high note this year, sharing the culturally rich heritage of Hawaiian music with even more residents and visitors throughout Hawai'i. Of note this year, is the fact that the annual event has been expanded to include events in June for the very first time. Mele Mei, which translates to "May Hawaiian Music Month," in Hawaiian, this year will showcase the largest calendar

to date of musical performances held at various venues throughout Honolulu, the neighbor islands, and Japan.

Mele Mei 2016 is presented by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts and Outrigger Hotels and Resorts.

For more information on Mele Mei please visit www.melemei.com. You can also follow Mele Mei on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MeleMeiHawaii, on Twitter at www.twitter.com/melemei, and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/melemei as well as the hashtag #melemei and #melemei2016.

About Hilton Waikīkī Beach

Hilton Waikīkī Beach is located on 2500 Kūhiō Avenue, on the “quiet side” of Waikīkī. Just one block from Waikīkī Beach, you are close to shops and action, but you can retreat from the noise anytime you please. It is intimate and boutique offering all the advantages of Hilton Worldwide’s trusted global brand. Hilton Waikīkī Beach is an Energy-Star certified hotel featuring modern-design guest rooms, a 24-hour gourmet comfort food restaurant with MAC 24/7, a lobby lounge and bar with live entertainment nightly, a rooftop pool with deck and bar, meeting rooms and special events spaces and a wedding garden. For more information or to book a stay, call 808-922-0811 or visit www.hiltonwaikikibeach.com.

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About Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts (HARA)

The Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts (HARA) was established in 1982 with a mission to preserve, perpetuate, promote and celebrate Hawai'i's music and recording industry. The organization is responsible for coordinating and hosting the Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, which today has evolved into an industry awards ceremony administered by recording professionals.

About Hawai'i Tourism Authority

The [Hawai'i Tourism Authority](http://www.hawaii-tourism-authority.org) is responsible for strategically managing the State of Hawai'i's marketing initiatives to support tourism. HTA's goal is to optimize tourism's benefits for Hawai'i, while being attentive to the interests of travelers, the community and visitor industry. Established in 1998 to support Hawai'i's leading industry and largest employer, HTA continually strives to help ensure the sustainability of tourism's success. For more information about HTA, please visit www.hawaii-tourism-authority.org. Follow updates about HTA on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiHTA), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/HawaiiHTA) (@HawaiiHTA) and its [YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

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