

## NEWS RELEASE

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MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN SLACK KEY GUITAR SERIES  
CELEBRATES 2ND ANNIVERSARY WITH NEW DAY  
*(Hawaiian Music Shows Every Wednesday at The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua)*

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LAHAINA, MAUI--Having completed two full years of weekly Hawaiian music shows, Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Concert Series celebrates its second anniversary with a change to a new day. Beginning October 5, the shows will take place every **Wednesday** evening in the theater at The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua. There will be one 7:30 pm performance now through December 21, 2005. Starting December 28, there will be two performances each Wednesday, at 6:00 and 8:30 pm.

Concert series founders Wayne Wong and Paul Konwiser along with host George Kahumoku, Jr. developed the concept of the shows: music combined with talk story to provide an expanded view of Hawaii's culture and musical heritage.

"These two years have been the most fulfilling of my life," says Konwiser. "For me, it's been a great privilege to get to meet so many of Hawaii's top entertainers. But what's more important is that over 13,000 people have seen the show. They've had a rare opportunity to experience a unique aspect of Hawaiian culture."

In the Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Concert Series, the artists draw from their own local traditions and from the music of their *ʻohana* (family), giving traditional songs a personal feeling and telling the stories behind the music. The

visiting master artists say they enjoy performing in this series because it provides a welcome opportunity to interact with the audience in such an intimate setting.

Wong adds, "The small theater where we do the show is perfect for this kind of performance. We're very grateful to Javier Cano and Clifford Nae`ole of The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua. Without them this concert series might not have happened."

In addition to continuing rave reviews, winning the Hawai`i Music Awards and a Keep It Hawai`i Recognition Award, this past year has confirmed that the music and stories coming out of this concert series are authentic and of the highest caliber.

Tickets are \$40 per show general admission, and \$30 for state residents with a current Hawai`i driver's license. For reservations, call toll-free 1-888-669-3858 or (808) 669-3858 in Hawai`i. Check the ongoing performance schedule of artists on the website [www.slackkey.com](http://www.slackkey.com).

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Guest Artist Performance Schedule  
w/ Host George Kahumoku, Jr. - 7:30 pm Wednesdays

**October 5**

Richard Hoopii (falsetto)

**October 12**

Martin Pahinui

**October 19**

Ledward Kaapana

**October 26**

Owana Salazar

**November 2**

Dennis Kamakahi

**November 9**

Kawika Kahiapo

**November 16**

Ledward Kaapana

**November 23**

Cyril Pahinui

**November 30**

Daniel Ho

**December 7**

Martin Pahinui

**December 14**

Keoki Kahumoku (Grammy winner)

**December 21**

Cyril Pahinui

**December 28**

6:00 and 8:30 pm

Ledward Kaapana