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**MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN SLACK KEY GUITAR CONCERT SERIES
NOMINATED FOR FOURTH GRAMMY**

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LAHAINA, MAUI – For the fourth year in a row, the Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Concert Series is honored to be nominated for their artistry in the GRAMMY category for Best Hawaiian Music. Their current nominated CD, ***The Spirit of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar*** is a compilation of “live” performances selected from the fifth year of their weekly concerts at Napili Kai Beach Resort. Producers of the album are **Daniel Ho, George Kahumoku, Jr., Dennis Kamakahi, Paul Konwiser and Wayne Wong.**

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences named ***The Spirit of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar***, as a nominee for Best Hawaiian Music Album of the Year for the 51st Annual Grammy Awards. Featured on the CD are performances by master slack key artists: George Kahumoku Jr., Dennis Kamakahi, Owana Salazar, Sonny Lim, Keoki Kahumoku, Daniel Ho and special guest performers: Richard Hoopii, Bobby Ingano, Herb Ohta Jr., Norton Buffalo, and Derrick Mau. Also featured are the young next generation nephews, and show regulars - Peter DeAquino and Sterling Seaton.

The Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar have previously been honored with three consecutive Grammy Awards for their compilation CDs at the 48th, 49th and 50th Grammy ceremonies: ***Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar, Volume 1; Legends of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar, Live on Maui*** and ***Treasures of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar.***

The slack key concert series performed at Napili Kai Beach Resort, recognized nationwide, is the home of slack key in Hawai'i. George Winston, world-renowned pop instrumental pianist as well as owner and producer of Dancing Cat Records noted that the weekly concert series is the only venue dedicated to slack key guitar in the world.

The popular series was founded in 2003 by Paul Konwiser, Wayne Wong and George Kahumoku, Jr. They developed the successful show concept of traditional Hawaiian music combined with personal stories to provide an expanded view of Hawaii's culture and musical heritage in a dignified concert setting. George Kahumoku is the musical host of every show and features a different guest artist each week. The concerts take place every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Napili Kai Beach Resort on the island of Maui. More information for the Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Concert Series can be found online at www.slackkey.com.

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About Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Productions, Inc
Founded for the love of the music and grounded in the concept of aloha, Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Productions, Inc is dedicated to perpetuating and preserving traditional Hawaiian music, especially the unique Hawaiian acoustic guitar art form known as “Ki-ho’alu” (Hawaiian Slack Key). The corporation develops programs, events and the concert series to create a deeper

awareness and understanding of this authentic Hawaiian cultural art form. View the ongoing performance schedule of artists on the website www.slackkey.com.