

NEWS RELEASE

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**MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN SLACK KEY GUITAR
PERFORM TO FULL HOUSE AT MANHATTAN BEACH CONCERT
DURING THEIR GRAMMY WEEKEND**

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NAPILI, MAUI –Grammy nominated Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar send their heartfelt congratulations to **Tia Carrere** and **Daniel Ho**, who won the Best Hawaiian Music Album at this year's 51st Grammy Awards for their duet album 'Ikena, produced by Daniel Ho, [Daniel Ho Creations]. Daniel Ho Creations also produced their nominated CD ***The Spirit of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar***, with producers **George Kahumoku, Jr., Dennis Kamakahi, Daniel Ho, Paul Konwiser** and **Wayne Wong**.

"Congratulations to Tia, a tremendously talented, gracious, yet humble artist, very deserving of this great honor! Congratulations also to our close friend Daniel, a multi-talented musician on uke, guitar, piano, percussion, and an accomplished composer, arranger, and producer. We are very happy for our friends," stated George and Nancy Kahumoku on Sunday night.

George Kahumoku, Jr. and his talented group of 'Masters' had quite a whirlwind Grammy weekend in Southern California. On Saturday, February 7th, they performed to a packed house of over 400, with fans spilling out into the small balconies at the Manhattan Beach Community Church concert. Nancy Kahumoku, describing the event, said the artists on their nominated CD treated the enthusiastic audience to an amazing performance.

The afternoon concert, opened with George Kahumoku Jr., Norton Buffalo, and Daniel Ho playing Lokomaika'i /Amazing Grace. The 11 artists switched in and out of the 6 spots on the stage throughout the concert. A guest hula dancer performed and was joined in one dance by Peter deAquino. "And there was great improvisation!" stated Nancy Kahumoku. At the finale, Peter was leading Uwehe Omi and Slide in a lively rendition that got a standing ovation, which was the resounding "Hana Hou" heard after they performed Hawaii Aloha.

The performers included **Dennis Kamakahi, George Kahumoku Jr, Daniel Ho, Bobby Ingano, Owana Salazar, Keoki Kahumoku, Richard Ho'opi'i, Sonny Lim, Norton Buffalo, Peter deAquino,** and **Sterling Seaton**. And, stopping by to listen and wish them well was slack key master **Jeff Peterson**. Norton Buffalo, is a big time blues harp player and rock n' roller as well who will be on Maui February 28th with the Steve Miller Band at the MACC.

George Kahumoku, Jr. and his talented Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar enjoyed their three-day trip – the concert and the 51st Grammy Awards, and will be winging their way back to Maui tomorrow.

Fans can greet them on their return to Kahului on Monday, February 9th, at 1:25 pm on American Airlines flight 253, or join them as they return to host their weekly concert series, now in its fifth successful year at Napili Kai Beach Resort every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

This week's Wednesday concert on February 11th, 7:30 p.m., will feature fellow Grammy nominee, **Ledward Kaapana**, nominated for his album, Force of Nature, who also is just returning from the LA Grammy Awards.

George Kahumoku Jr is the musical host of every show and features a different guest artist each week. More information and schedules 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.