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

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NAPILI, MAUI – For the fifth year in a row, the Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Concert Series is honored to be nominated for their artistry at the upcoming 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grammy Awards in the category for Best Hawaiian Music Album. Their current nominated CD, ***Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar, Volume 2*** is a compilation of live performances from weekly concerts at Napili Kai Beach Resort. Producers of the album are **Daniel Ho, George Kahumoku, Jr., Paul Konwiser & Wayne Wong.**

Featured on the CD are performances by master slack key artists George Kahumoku Jr., Dennis Kamakahi, Owana Salazar, Sonny Lim, Keoki Kahumoku, Jeff Peterson, Kawika Kahiapo, Daniel Ho and special guest performers Richard Hoopii and Bobby Ingano. 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 four nominations and three consecutive Grammy Awards for their compilation CDs at the 48<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> 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 is recognized nationwide as the home of slack key music in Hawaii. George Winston, world-renowned pop instrumental pianist and owner/producer of Dancing Cat Records noted that the weekly concert series is the only venue in the world dedicated to slack key guitar.

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 have been on hiatus for the fall, but concerts begin again on December 30 and continue 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](http://www.slackkey.com).

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Founded for the love of the music and grounded in the concept of aloha, Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Productions is dedicated to perpetuating and preserving traditional Hawaiian music, especially the unique Hawaiian acoustic guitar art form known as "Ki-ho'alu" (Slack Key). The organization develops programs, events and the concert series to create a deeper awareness and understanding of this authentic Hawaiian cultural tradition. View the ongoing performance schedule of artists on the website [www.slackkey.com](http://www.slackkey.com).