**Mele Mei 2016**

Feb 10, Wed **Mele Mei in LA** – Slack key exhibit and concert

 *Grammy Museum at LA Live*

Apr 10, Sun **Nā Hōkū Nomination Concert** – concert featuring 2016 nominees, past Nā Hōkū winners, featuring Hapa, Natalie Ai Kamauu, Chad Takatsugi, the Rough Riders

 *Maihama Theatre, Tokyo, Japan*

Apr 10, Sun **Na Mele No Nā Pua** – outdoor concert with Ku‘uipo Kumukahi

 *Fountain Stage, Waikiki Beachwalk; 5 to 6:00 pm*

Apr 15 – 17, Fri – Sun **8th Annual Maui Steel Guitar Festival** – free concert and workshops on steel guitar (fee for workshop)

 *Ka‘anapali Beach Hotel, Maui*

Apr 20, Wed **Music of Hawai‘i Series** – concert with Sean Robbins

 *Doris Duke Theatre, Honolulu Museum of Art; 7:30 pm*

Apr 24, Sun **Na Mele No Nā Pua** – outdoor concert with Lehua Kalima and Shawn Pimental

 *Fountain State, Waikiki Beachwalk; 5 to 6:00 pm*

Apr 26, Tue **Mele Mei Media Kickoff** – media and partner announcement for Mele Mei activities

 *Hilton Waikiki Beach; 12:00*

Apr 28, Thu **Hawaiian Music Series** – free outdoor Hawaiian music series

 *Baldwin Home Museum, Maui; 6 – 7:30 pm*

Apr 29, Fri **Na Lei Hiwa Hiwa** – May Day Concert

 *Kaua‘i Beach Resort*

Apr 30, Sat **Hawai‘i Academy of Recording Arts Lifetime Achievement Awards** – luncheon honoring recording music pioneers

 *Hibiscus Room, Ala Moana Hotel; doors open 10:00 am*

Apr 30 – May 1, Sat – Sun **Hawaii Book and Music Festival** – free two-day festival celebrating books and music by Hawaii authors and artists

 *Frank Fasi Municipal Grounds; 10 am – 5 pm*

May 1 – 30, Sun – Tue **Hula on CenterStage** – Kahiko (ancient) and auana (modern) hula daily at Ala Moana Center

 *Ala Moana CenterStage, 1:00 daily*

May 1, Sun **Waimea Valley May Day Music Festival** – Music honoring Gabby Pahinui

 *Waimea Valley, O‘ahu*

May 1, Sun **Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame Lei of Stars** – concert and brunch honoring 2015 Hall of Fame inductees

 Hyatt Regency Hotel; 10:30 am

May 1, Sun **May Day Waikiki** – concert honoring Hawaiian beachboys, with Marlene Sai, Danny Kaleikini and friends

 Waikiki Beach; 3 – 5 pm

May 1 – Jun 30, Sun – Thu **Kī Hō‘alu – Honoring the Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Tradition**, display of slack key guitar pieces at Ala Moana, with additional items on display at Bloomingdale’s store

 *Ala Moana Center Mauka Wing May 1 – June 30, 12 – 5:00 pm; Bloomingdales May 1 – May 22*

May 1, Sun **May Day Performance** hosted by Bloomingdale’s, with Makana and Lono Kaumeheiwa

 *Ala Moana Center, Ewa Wing Stage, 4:00 pm*

May 1, Sun **Outrigger Kani Ka Pila Grille Mele Mei Concert Series** – concert with Blayne Asing, and Brother Noland

 *Outrigger Reef Kani Ka Pila Grille; 5 – 6:45, and 7 – 9 pm*

May 5, Thu **Pakele Live!** **At The Willows** – celebrating Mele Mei

 *The Willows restaurant; 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

May 6 and 7, Fri and Sat

 **Mele Mei Entertainment** every Friday and Saturday at Ala Moana including Kamakakehau Fernandez, Kekoa Kane, Mahi‘ai Kekumu and GJ, Pu‘uloa, and Pomaika‘i Lyman

 *Ala Moana Center Ewa Wing Stage, Fri and Sat 5 to 5:45 pm throughout May*

May 8, Sun **Na Leo’s Mother’s Day Brunch** – featuring 22-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winners Nā Leo, with guests Mailani, and Kaui Dalire

 *Hawaii Okinawa Center Legacy Ballroom, doors open 9:00 am*

May 8, Sun **A Mother’s Love – Ho‘okena’s Mother’s Day** concert brunch with Ho‘okena, Robert Cazimero, Albert Maglimat, and Ben & Maila

 *Hibiscus Room Ala Moana Hotel; doors open 10 am*

May 8, Sun **Mele Mei at Halekulani** – brunch concert with Ledward Kaapana

 *Halekulani House Without a Key; 10 am – 12:30 pm*

May 8, Sun **Outrigger Kani Ka Pila Grille Mele Mei Concert Series** – concert with Ben & Maila, and Nathan Aweau

 *Outrigger Reef Kani Ka Pila Grille; 5 – 6:45, and 7 – 9 pm*

May 8, Sun **Peter Apo Presents Mother’s Day Kanikapila** – concert with Peter Apo Band, Jerry Santos, Del Beazley, Robi Kahakalau, Jeff Rasmussen, Ku‘uipo Kumukahi, and Halāu Nā Wahine O Ka Hula Na Ka Pu‘uwai

 *Hawaii Theatre, 4:00 pm*

May 12, Thu **Pakele Live! At The Willows** – celebrating Mele Mei

 *The Willows restaurant; 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

May 13 – 15, Fri – Sun **Mele Mei ma Maui** – free outdoor concert feat. Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winners and nominees, craft and food vendors

 *Lahaina Banyan Tree, Lahaina, Maui; Fri 5:30 – 8:30 pm; Sat – Sun 9:00 – 5:00 pm*

May 13 – 22, Fri – Sun **Ka‘u Coffee Festival** – coffee tasting, tours, pageant and ho‘olaulea

 *Pahala and Ka‘u various venues*

May 14, Sat **May Day by the Bay** – Hawaiian music, hula demonstrations, food vendors

 *Waioli Beach Park, Hanalei, Kaua‘i*

May 15, Sun **Mele Mei at Halekulani** – brunch concert with Kaiao

 *Halekulani House Without a Key; 10 am – 12:30 pm*

May 15, Sun **Outrigger Kani Ka Pila Grille Mele Mei Concert Series** – concert with Ku‘uipo Kumukahi, and Mailani

 *Outrigger Reef Kani Ka Pila Grille; 5 – 6:45, and 7 – 9 pm*

May 15, Sun **Na Mele No Nā Pua** – outdoor concert with Na Waiho‘olu‘u O Ke Anuenue

 *Fountain Stage, Waikiki Beachwalk; 5 to 6:00 pm*

May 18, Wed **Music of Hawaii Series** – concert with Pomaika‘i Lyman

 *Doris Duke Theatre, Honolulu Museum of Art; 7:30 pm*

May 19, Thu **Pakele Live! At The Willows** – celebrating Mele Mei

 *The Willows restaurant; 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

May 22, Sun **Mele Mei at Halekulani** – brunch concert with Ho‘okena

 *Halekulani House Without a Key; 10 am – 12:30 pm*

May 22, Sun **Outrigger Kani Ka Pila Grille Mele Mei Concert Series** – concert with Lehua Kalima and Shawn Pimental, and Kuana Torres Kahele

 *Outrigger Reef Kani Ka Pila Grille; 5 – 6:45, and 7 – 9 pm*

May 26, Thu **Pakele Live! At The Willows** – celebrating Mele Mei

 *The Willows restaurant; 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

May 26, Thu **Hawaiian Music Series** – free outdoor Hawaiian music series

 *Baldwin Home Museum, Maui; 6- 7:30 pm*

May 26 – 30, Thu – Mon **Big Island Film Festival** – movie magic under the stars at the Fairmont Orchid Hawai‘i Hotel Grounds

 *Fairmont Orchid Hotel, Kona*

May 27, Fri **Nā Hōkū Hanohano Music Festival Workshops** – solo sessions with Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award-winning performers, slack key guitar, ‘ukulele, haku mele, and professional developement workshops

 *MELE Program at Honolulu Community College; 10 – 4:00 pm*

May 28, Sat **Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards** – Hawai‘i Academy of Recording Arts 39th Annual awards ceremony and dinner show

 Hawai‘i Convention Center; 4 – 10:30 pm

May 29, Sun **Mele Mei at Halekulani** – brunch concert with Sean Na‘auao

 *Halekulani House Without a Key; 10 am – 12:30 pm*

May 29, Sun **Outrigger Kani Ka Pila Grille Mele Mei Concert Series** – concert with Kūpaoa, and Maunalua

 *Outrigger Reef Kani Ka Pila Grille; 5 – 6:45, and 7 – 9 pm*

May 29, Sun **Na Mele No Na Pua – Na Mele No Nā Pua** – outdoor concert with Mike Kaawa

 *Fountain Stage, Waikiki Beachwalk; 5 to 6:00 pm*

May 29, Sun **Hula I Ke Kai** – hula and music performances on Waikiki Beach

 *Waikiki Hula Mound; 6 to 7:00 pm*

Jun 5, Sun **Na Mele No Nā Pua** – outdoor concert with Lehua Kalima and Shawn Pimental

 *Fountain Stage, Waikiki Beachwalk; 5 to 6:00 pm*

Jun 10, Fri **Pan Pacific Festival** – Ho‘olaulea, music on various stages, food vendors

 *Kalākaua Avenue, Waikiki; 7 – 10 pm*

Jun 17 – 18, Fri – Sat **Hawai‘i Songwriting Festival** – songwriters’ conference and concert “Hawai‘i Night” (Fri 17) with Raiatea, Paula Fuga, Streetlight Cadence, John Cruz, and more;

 “Hit Makers (Sat 18) with Brett James, Tom Higgenson (of the Plain White T’s), Gary Burr, Georgia Middleman, Johnny Clay, Alan Rich and more

 *Hapuna Beach Prince Resort, Hapuna Hawai‘i Island; Fri and Sat 7:00*

Jun 17 – 18, Fri – Sat **International Maui Festival** – free two-day festival with Polynesian entertainment, music, storytelling, and cultural workshops from Maui

 *Ma‘ili Beach, Wai‘anae*

Jun 18, Sat **Honolulu BBQ and Blues** – Mele Mei Concert and BBQ at the Hilton Hawaiian Village with Kalapana and Kahulanui

 *Great Lawn, Hilton Hawaiian Village; doors open 5:00 pm*

Jun 18, Sat **Annual Celebration of Prince Kuhio** – concert featuring the Royal Hawaiian Band

 *Prince Kuhio Park, Hoai Bay, Kaua‘i*

Jun 20 – 26, Mon – Sun **Ho‘ike Lanakila** – Japan concert series celebrating Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award-winning artists, award winning hula hālau and their kumu hula

 *Osaka on June 20, Nagoya on June 22 and 23, Chiba on June 24, Sapporo on June 26*

Jun 26, Sun **25th Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival Maui Style** – free outdoor concert of slack key, craft and food vendors

 *Maui Arts and Culture Center (MACC)*