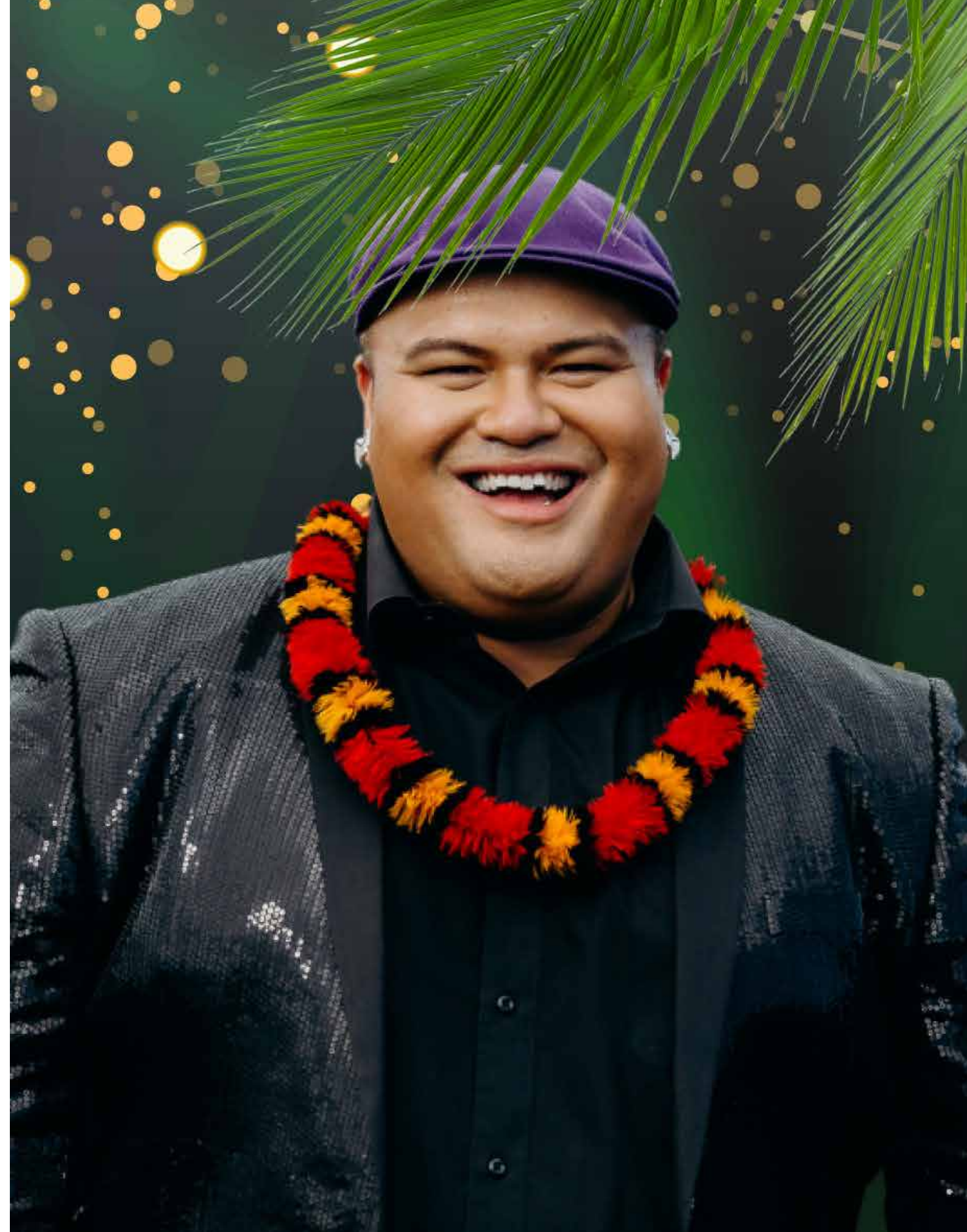


Kalani Pe'a's *Hawaiian Christmas*

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

Hālau Hula Ka Lei Mokihana I Ka Ua Noe



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Kalani Pe'a

Singer/Songwriter, 3-time Grammy®-Winner!
(2017, 2019, 2022)

Kalani Pe`a sings everything from classical, musical, ballads, R&B, soul to traditional and original Hawaiian music, displaying his wide-ranging talents as a songwriter and music composer. His talent for lyrics and Hawaiian language fluency is on display in his original Hawaiian songs alongside his affectionate bilingual arrangements of R&B favorites.

It started at age four when Pe`a was diagnosed with a speech impediment; his mother introduced him to singing and music to help him pronounce his words. His father who comes from a musical family and his mother encouraged him to take vocal lessons and choir, and by age 8, Pe`a was winning numerous talent competitions, including in men's classical and musical divisions while receiving his degree from Colorado Mesa University in Mass Communications. "From speech therapy to a college graduate in communications," laughs Pe`a's father, "Kalani can't stop talking and singing".

His debut album brought him to Dave Tucciarone, a 13-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award-Winning Engineer and Producer in Honolulu, leading to the 2017 Grammy® win and first Na Hoku Award. This successful collaboration continued with Kalani's second CD, *No 'Ane'i* [We Belong Here] and 3rd CD *Kau Ka Pe`a*, both earning him Grammy Awards. He was featured in the Grammy Opening Premiere Concert in 2022. His 3rd release also won him 2 Nā Hōkū awards, including the honor of Male Vocalist of the Year. Says award-winning Hawaiian vocalist Darlene Ahuna, "His voice will take you to the heavens. His passion for music will have you rockin' in your seat."

A fluent Hawaiian speaker, Pe`a started his career as an educator, publishing five Hawaiian language children's stories. He taught at Kamehameha Schools in Kona, then Maui, teaching Hawaiian culture (science focus), and creating curriculum. When his Grammy wins opened the door for his performing and touring career, he was honored by the Hawai'i State House of Representatives with an official proclamation: "It is vital that Native Hawaiian culture and the arts be perpetuated for future generations: Kalani Pe`a is a torchbearer and we recognize his accolades, accomplishments, and continued work on behalf of Native Hawaiians."

Kalani Pe`a's Hawaiian Christmas show is a celebration of the warmth and special "aloha" of the Holiday Season, sharing much-loved songs from both western and Hawaiian roots. Self-described as "Hawaiian contemporary soul", Kalani's dynamic and charming stage presence, vocal brilliance, and range of songs from Hawaiian to R&B has brought him to the forefront of Hawaiian music for both traditionalists and a new generation.

