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**WAIKIKI AQUARIUM ANNOUNCES 2017 KE KANI O KE KAI SUMMER CONCERTS
FEATURING SOME OF THE ISLANDS' TOP PERFORMERS**

HONOLULU, HI (May 1, 2017) – Join the Waikiki Aquarium this summer for the return of its popular Ke Kani O Ke Kai summer concert series featuring live local entertainment under the stars. Presented by Outrigger Hotels and Resorts, this year's line-up includes some of Hawaii's top performers including Grammy Winner, Kalani Pea, 2017 Na Hoku Hanohano Award nominees Keauhou and Josh Tatofi, among others. Guests will also enjoy food and refreshments from Haili's Hawaiian Foods, Cactus Restaurant, Laverne's and HASR Bistro.

The five-night concert series takes place every other Thursday evening from June 15 through August 10, 2017 as follows:

- Thursday, June 15 – Jerry Santos & Kamuela Kimokeo / Hot Club of Hulaville / Osorio Ohana
- Thursday, June 29 – Streetlight Cadence / Hoku Zuttermeister / Kalani Pea
- Thursday, July 13 – Taimane / Keauhou / Speical Guest Halau
- Thursday, July 27 – Led Kaapana / Weldon Kekauoha / Maunalua
- Thursday, August 10 – Josh Tatofi / Alx Kawakami / Blayne Asing

A different restaurant will be paired with each concert. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The concerts begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at approximately 9:30 p.m. Guests are asked to bring their own low sand chairs or beach mats for seating.

Tickets are priced at \$50 for adults, \$20 for children (ages 5-12) and free for children 4 and under. Tickets for Friends of the Waikiki Aquarium "FOWA" members are priced at \$30 for adults, \$15 for children. Special series pricing, including single admission to all five concerts will be available for \$200 general admission (\$75 for children) and \$120 for FOWA members (\$45 for children). Food, beer, wine and other beverages will be sold separately. No outside food or beverage will be permitted.

Tickets are currently available for purchase by FOWA members only. General tickets will go on sale to the public after May 19, 2017. For information, visit www.waikikiaquarium.org/kkokk.

Ke Kani O Ke Kai is presented by Outrigger Hotels and Resorts. Sea Jelly Jive sponsors include Steven & Marilyn Katzman. Seahorse Symphony sponsors include Beth Chang, Realtor; Elite Parking; and Michael J. Marks Foundation. Coral Chorale sponsors are Alexander & Baldwin; Bank of Hawaii; Barefoot Wine & Bubbly; Coldwell Banker Properties / Tracy Allen Real Estate; Dr. Curtis Takemoto-Gentile; Hawaiian Cool Water; King Auto Group; Kona Brewing Company; Kualoa Ranch; McCabe Hamilton & Renny; Mildred Tyson Foundation; and Reskyu. Anemone Tune sponsors include Aloha Petroleum; Armstrong Builders; Becker Communications, Inc.; Bergeman Project Group; Cactus Restaurant; Cades Schutte, LLP; G70; Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union; Izuo Brothers; Joseph Rothstein; MacDonald, Rudy, O'Neill and Yamauchi; Marr Jones Wang; and Par Hawaii.

ABOUT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawai'i since 1919, the Waikiki Aquarium is located on the shoreline of Waikiki Beach next to a living reef and across from Kapiolani Park. The Aquarium – second oldest in the U.S. – showcases more than 500 marine species, and maintains more than 3,000 marine specimens. Public exhibits, education programs and research focus on the unique aquatic life of Hawai'i and the tropical Pacific. The Aquarium welcomes more than 300,000 visitors annually, and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Honolulu Marathon Sunday and Christmas Day. Admission is \$12 for visitors; \$8 for local residents, active duty military with ID and students with ID; \$5 for seniors, juniors ages 4 to 12 and persons with disabilities; and free for children 3 and under and Friends of Waikiki Aquarium (FOWA) members. For more information about the Waikiki Aquarium, including membership, please call (808) 923-9741 or visit www.waikikiaquarium.org.