

# CIRQUE DU SOLEIL 'AUANA RELEASES NEW SINGLE "KELE KA MOANA" AHEAD OF ALBUM RELEASE

*The track brings the music and storytelling of Cirque du Soleil's  
first resident show in Hawai'i beyond the stage*



**HONOLULU, HI – (JUNE 8, 2026)** – BMG and Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group today announced the release of “Kele ka Moana,” a new single from ‘*Auana*, Cirque du Soleil’s first resident show in Hawai’i and the first in the company’s 42-year history to be developed around a single place and its language.

Now streaming ahead of the full soundtrack release next month, and written entirely in ‘Ōlelo Hawai’i, the Hawaiian language, “Kele ka Moana” reflects the production’s deep connection to the stories, traditions and cultural landscape of Hawai’i. The music of ‘*Auana* was developed in close collaboration with Native Hawaiian linguist Dr. Keao NeSmith, with composer Evan Duffy shaping the compositions to enhance the show’s storytelling and blend Cirque du Soleil’s signature acrobatics and theatricality with the musical spirit of Hawai’i.

“When approached with the opportunity to compose the music for ‘*Auana*, I knew that it had to be created to carry the spirit, language and stories of Hawai’i, on and off the stage,” said Evan Duffy. “The sound of ‘*Auana* wouldn’t be possible without the incredible team involved in every stop of the process, from the show’s cultural creative team to the musicians, vocalists and studio collaborators who helped bring the music to life. Creating a soundtrack entirely in ‘Ōlelo Hawai’i was especially meaningful because the language itself holds such depth, emotion and connection to place.”

Listen to “Kele ka Moana” now [HERE](#).

‘*Auana* premiered at the OUTRIGGER Waikīkī Beachcomber Hotel in December 2024, in partnership with OUTRIGGER Hospitality Group. Guests can enjoy the live performance Wednesday through Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. HST. Tickets are available at [cirquedusoleil.com/auana](https://cirquedusoleil.com/auana). For the latest news and updates, follow ‘*Auana* on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### **MEDIA TOOLBOX:**

Act Descriptions, Images, B-Roll and Sizzle Video:

<https://media.cirquedusoleil.com/portals/2swjmrzq/AUANAPRMaterial>

#### **ABOUT ‘AUANA:**

‘*Auana* is a breathtaking fusion of Cirque du Soleil’s world-renowned artistry and the profound stories, or mo’olelo, of Hawai’i. Through awe-inspiring acrobatics, mesmerizing hula, and captivating music, this one-of-a-kind production honors the deep connection to the land and the people of these islands. Be swept away as the traditions that have shaped Hawai’i for generations come alive in a thrilling celebration of its beauty, resilience, and spirit.

#### **ABOUT CIRQUE DU SOLEIL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP:**

Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group is a world leader in live entertainment. Building on four decades of pushing the boundaries of the imagination, the artistic entertainment company brings its creative approach to a large variety of artistic forms such as live shows, multimedia productions, long-form content, music, immersive experiences, and special events. Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group celebrates 40 years of defying reality, defining entertainment, and illuminating the world through art and creativity. Since its creation in 1984, more than 400 million people have been inspired on 6 continents and 86 countries. The Canadian company now employs more than 4000 employees, including 1200 artists from more than 80 different nationalities. For more information about Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group, please visit [cirquedusoleil.com](https://cirquedusoleil.com).

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