



Cirque du Soleil 'Auana Brings Ōlelo Hawai'i to Global Audiences With Debut Original Soundtrack

BMG and Cirque du Soleil to release the 16-track original soundtrack on July 17; the lead single "Kele ka Moana" is available now

HONOLULU, HI – (July 16, 2026) – The music of Cirque du Soleil's acclaimed Hawai'i resident production, 'Auana, will soon reach audiences around the world. BMG and Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group today announced the release of the show's first official original soundtrack, available worldwide on all major streaming platforms beginning July 17.

More than a theatrical soundtrack, the 16-track album represents a milestone for Hawaiian culture. Performed entirely in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, it is among the few globally distributed full-length soundtracks to feature the Native Hawaiian language from beginning to end.



As Cirque du Soleil's first resident production in Hawai'i, and the first in the company's 42-year history to be inspired by a single destination, 'Auana was created to celebrate the stories, landscapes and living culture of Hawai'i. The soundtrack extends that vision beyond the theater, inviting listeners everywhere to experience the beauty and richness of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i through music.

"Like many Indigenous languages, 'Ōlelo Hawai'i has overcome tremendous challenges, making opportunities like this especially meaningful," said Dr. Keao NeSmith, Native Hawaiian linguist and lyricist for 'Auana. "This soundtrack allows our language to travel far beyond the theater and beyond Hawai'i itself. Every song carries our stories, our places and our identity. To hear an entire album in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i on a global platform is a powerful reminder that our language is alive, evolving and continuing to inspire."

Composer Evan Duffy created an original score that blends Cirque du Soleil's signature theatrical style with the musical traditions, rhythms and natural beauty of Hawai'i. Working closely with Dr. NeSmith and the cultural creative team, the music deepens the production's storytelling while honoring the spirit and traditions of the islands.

"Music has always been the emotional heartbeat of 'Auana," said Evan Duffy, composer of 'Auana. "I'm honored that audiences around the world can now take this music with them and experience Hawai'i's stories long after they've left the theater."

The full soundtrack will be available on all major streaming platforms beginning July 17, with the lead single, "Kele ka Moana," available now at cirquedusoleil.com/music.

The soundtrack showcases an extraordinary lineup of Hawai'i artists, including renowned musician Taimane Gardner, vocalist Alana Kahiapo and award-winning Kumu Hula Hiwa Vaughan, alongside the production's live musicians John Signor, Christina Souza and Joshua Tavares, whose performances audiences can experience nightly in 'Auana.



The production is guided by Cultural Creative Producer Dr. Aaron J. Salā and Director Neil Dorward (*The Illusionists, Circus 1903*), alongside an acclaimed collective of Native Hawaiian artists and scholars. The creative team includes renowned fashion designer and hula practitioner Manaola Yap as costume designer, award-winning Kumu Hula Hiwa Vaughan as choreographer, and linguist Dr. Keao NeSmith, whose contributions ensure the production is presented entirely in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, helping preserve and celebrate Native Hawaiian language and culture while complementing Cirque du Soleil's signature artistry.

Since premiering at the OUTRIGGER Waikīkī Beachcomber Hotel in December 2024 through a partnership with OUTRIGGER Hospitality Group, 'Auana has welcomed audiences from around the world. Performances are held Wednesday through Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. HST. Tickets are available at cirquedusoleil.com/auana. For the latest news and updates, follow 'Auana on social media on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

FULL TRACK LIST:

1. Ka'i 'AUANA
2. Ala Moe
3. Hānau ka Moana
4. Kele ka Moana
5. Holunape ka Niu
6. Pō Mahina
7. Ka Nalu
8. Kai Māmala

9. Māui Kolohe
10. Pua Naupaka
11. Aloha 'Āina
12. Māui Ki'iki'i
13. Pele 'Ai Honua
14. Mimilo
15. Ke Ānuenue
16. Ho'i 'AUANA

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.

ABOUT OUTRIGGER RESORTS & HOTELS:

For more than 75 years, OUTRIGGER has charted a journey of discovery – expanding from Hawai'i to premier resort destinations including Fiji, Mauritius, Thailand and the Maldives. The privately held hospitality company invites guests to 'Come Be Here' with authentic Signature Experiences and the OUTRIGGER DISCOVERY loyalty program – a member of the award-winning Global Hotel Alliance (GHA). OUTRIGGER's multi-branded portfolio includes OUTRIGGER Resorts, Hawaii Vacation Condos by OUTRIGGER®, The Kapalua Villas Maui and OUTRIGGER Honua Kai Resort & Spa while also managing select properties from top international hotel brands including Embassy Suites by Hilton®. Find out more at OUTRIGGER.com or visit @OUTRIGGERResorts on Facebook and Instagram.

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