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Makalapua Kahula and Isaac Kazuyuki Kauahikaua Woodward Win 34th Annual Hula O Nā Keiki Competition

Miss and Master Hula O Nā Keiki crowned at Maui's only children's solo hula competition



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Kā'anapali, Maui - The 34th Annual Hula O Nā Keiki Competition crowned its winners this past weekend, including recipients of its two overall distinctions. Makalapua Kahula, representing Hālau Nā Lei Kaumaka O Uka under the guidance of Kumu Hula Nāpua Silva, earned the title of Miss Hula O Nā Keiki 2026. Isaac Kazuyuki Kauahikaua Woodward, representing Ka Pā Hula 'O Kawaiho'omalua under Kumu Hula Kū Koanui-Souza, was named Master Hula O Nā Keiki 2026. Hosted at Keōpūolani Hale and presented by OUTRIGGER Kā'anapali Beach Resort, the two-day cultural celebration showcased soloists ages 6–17 as they demonstrated proficiency in oli (chant), hula kahiko (ancient hula) and hula 'auana (modern hula). The competitors also took part in private interviews with judges about the meanings behind their oli, mele and hula, their cultural connections and why they dance hula.

Presided over by Kumu Hula Cody Pueo Pata as master of ceremonies, the competition featured solo performances from nine distinguished hālau representing O'ahu, Hawai'i Island and Maui. The soloists performed before an esteemed panel of judges: Kumu Hula Māpuana Kekahuna Aarona, Moses Kaho'okele Crabbe, Māpuana de Silva, Leimomi Ho and Hōkūlani Holt.

"Established in 1990, Hula O Nā Keiki is a long-standing pillar of Hawaiian culture on Maui," said Kahulu De Santos, OUTRIGGER Kā'anapali Beach Resort director of 'Imipo'okela and executive director of Hula O Nā Keiki. "The weekend is more than a competition; it represents the transmission of 'ike from kumu to keiki, and it's our privilege to continue upholding this proud tradition."

Additional award recipients, along with their honors, kumu and hālau, are listed below:

- **Nā Kumu Hula Keali'i Reichel and Henohea Kāne** (Hālau Ke'alaokamaile): Akoni Akana & Kanoeau Delatori Kumu Hula Award.
- **Waianu Kaleiomakali'i Hall** (Hālau Hula Kauluokalā, Nā Kumu Hula Uluwehi Guerrero & Kau Krueger): Keiki Overall Oli and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Award; Keiki Interview Award; Kaikamahine – 1st Place Hula Kahiko Award, Kaikamahine – 1st Place Hula 'Auana Award.
- **Makalapua Kahula** (Hālau Nā Lei Kaumaka O Uka, Kumu Hula Nāpua Silva): 'Ōpio Overall Oli and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Award; 'Ōpio Interview Award; 'Ōpio Wahine – 1st Place Hula Kahiko Award; 'Ōpio Wahine – 1st Place Hula 'Auana Award.
- **Paisley Keira Cabico** (Pukalani Hula Hale, Kumu Hula Hi'ilei Maxwell-Juan): Kaikamahine – 2nd Place Hula Kahiko Award; Kaikamahine – 2nd Place Hula 'Auana Award.
- **Callie Kozuki** (Hālau Hula O Keola Ali'iokekai, Kumu Hula Iola Balubar): Kaikamahine – 3rd Place Hula Kahiko Award; Kaikamahine – 3rd Place Hula 'Auana Award.
- **Isaac Kazuyuki Kauahikaua Woodward** (Ka Pā Hula 'O Kawaiho'omalū, Kumu Hula Kū Koanui-Souza): 'Ōpio Kāne – 1st Place Hula Kahiko Award; 'Ōpio Kāne – 1st Place Hula 'Auana Award.
- **'Ihikolonahe Sheilo Maxwell** (Hālau Ke'alaokamaile, Nā Kumu Hula Keali'i Reichel & Henohea Kāne): 'Ōpio Wahine – 3rd Place Hula Kahiko Award; 'Ōpio Wahine – 3rd Place Hula 'Auana Award.
- **Keolaokalani Ah Wong** (Ka Lā 'Ōnohi Mai O Ha'eha'e, Nā Kumu Hula Tracie & Keawe Lopes): 'Ōpio Wahine – 2nd Place Hula Kahiko Award; 'Ōpio Wahine – 2nd Place Hula 'Auana Award.

"Ensuring young students of the hula schools have a platform to showcase their artistry puts the heart of OUTRIGGER Kā'anapali Beach Resort's cultural mission into practice," said Edwin Torres, General Manager of OUTRIGGER Kā'anapali Beach Resort. "We are honored to continue supporting this beloved event and to witness the dedication of these talented keiki and their kumu."

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