

TEACHING ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Maui Ola Cook – Kilauea, Kaua'i



Maui with Kaua'i halau students (photo courtesy Maui Ola Cook)

We can't remember when Maui wasn't a teaching artist doing dance residencies in schools, conducting arts education professional development sessions, and just being around as one of our arts education sounding boards. Maui has a Masters in Fine Arts in Dance and has been on the faculty of Kaua'i Pacific Elementary School and Kanuikapono Hawaiian Charter School. She is also a Teaching Artist for the Kennedy Center's National Tour.

As with all of HSFCA's roster of teaching artists, there is even more. For Maui, work and play is a way of life. "So often my work seems more like play and my idea of play seems to be training for my work. Loving my work and colleagues is a great blessing on my life. Many people would consider it drudgery to have to go to workshops

on the weekend. For me arts education workshops, whenever they are held, are delightful social events that have the added feature of giving me more tools to work with."

When she is at her home on Kaua'i, she finds many ways to enjoy her weekends. "Picture a beautiful beach with crystal clear ocean water, easy parking, no crowds, just a few nice folks, birds, maybe a monk seal resting in the sand. That would be my life on Kaua'i. A real luxurious weekend day would include not only the swimming but a walk in any one of the stunning areas that surround us here on the Garden Island, a yoga class, and dinner and evening fun with friends."

Then there's the hula. "My hula family is very dear to me and over the years has developed into a very extended 'ohana spanning several islands.

DECEMBER FREE EVENTS AT HiSAM

The public is invited to these free events for December 2012 to be held at the Hawai'i State Art Museum in the No.1 Capitol District Building at 250 South Hotel Street in downtown Honolulu. See feature stories and photos of these events in this eNewsletter. Not subscribed to eNews? [Join here for monthly updates.](#)

First Friday

The Chris Vandercook Band
Friday, December 7, 2012
6-9 p.m.

Guitarist and vocalist Chris Vandercook leads his eponymous blues-R&B ensemble for December's First Friday open galleries.

Second Saturday

Mele Kalikimaka at HiSAM
Saturday, December 8, 2012
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays artfully with the Ladies of the Lauhala Hui and make local-style ornaments. Catch the spirit of the season with joyful carols from the talented young performers of Diamond Head Theatre.

Art Lunch

None in December. Happy Holidays and see you in January!

Upcoming Arts Workshop for Classroom Teachers in 2013

Before Pencil Touches Paper: Creativity-based Strategies to Get Students Ready to Write
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My kumu hula Vicky Holt Takamine is based on O'ahu so I try to get visits to her and the O'ahu halau whenever I can. We have a Kaua'i branch of the halau which I lead and cherish."

In 1993, the late Auntie Winona Beamer, with Maui as her apprentice, received a HSFCA Folk & Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant for the pair to work together in hula ki'i. This close relationship also led to working with Auntie Nona to publish books on hula, and to an enriching relationship with

many members of the Beamer family.

Maui says, "I think I have lasted so long in teaching in large part because of my great love of kids. My goal in teaching or performing dance and storytelling for elementary students is to incite in them a lifelong love of learning, an excitement about trying new things, a firm belief in their own potential to be a success at whatever they try, a deep respect for humanity and a delight in daring to explore their creativity."



Teaching in arts education professional development workshops for classroom teachers (photo courtesy ARTS FIRST Partners)

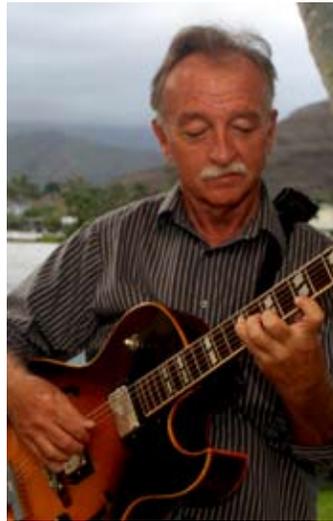
First Friday at the Hawai'i State Art Museum

Friday, December 7, 2012, 6 – 9 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

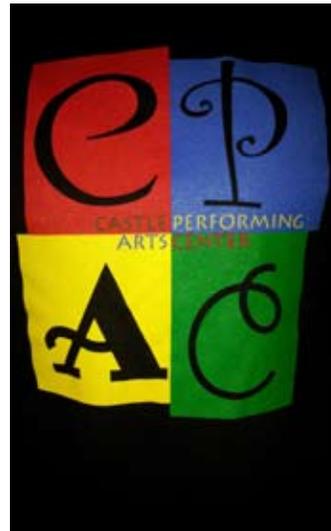
December 7, 2012 will bring Jazz back to the Hawai'i State Art Museum. Join us on the Second Floor of the Hawai'i State Art Museum from 6 PM until 9 PM as we welcome The Chris Vandercook Band.

Chris Vandercook, guitarist and vocalist, has performed in Hawaii since he moved here in 1983. He is the leader of his own blues-R&B ensemble, the Chris Vandercook Band, a frequent solo performer, and half of a Chicago blues duo with harmonica virtuoso Mark Prados. Chris has also played guitar for vocalists Azure McCall, Kimberlei Bradford, and Keahi Conjugacion. He is the co-host of Hawaii Public Radio's popular morning program, "The Conversation."

Up and coming talent from the Windward side was showcased for First Friday in November. The Castle



Chris Vandercook



Performing Arts Center, from Castle High School, energized the Second Floor Courtyard with song and dance. The Hawai'i State Art Museum and the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts would like to send a big mahalo to Karen Meyer and the whole CPAC crew.

If you missed the youth of Castle Performing Arts Center last month, you are in luck! January will welcome the Performing Arts Center of Kapolei.

PACKids & Company is a performance ensemble with the Performing Arts Center of Kapolei under the vocal direction of award winning artists Angela Morales and Phil Hildago. These talented young performers, ages 7-17, entertain audiences with high energy Broadway, show choir, popular and Hawaiian music, showcasing the dance styles of jazz, tap and hula.

HiSAM News

On November 29, 2012, the No. 1 Capitol District Building was honored to receive a gift of a Moroccan Fountain, installed in the front lawn. This Moroccan Fountain, a gift from the Kingdom of Morocco to the people of Hawai'i, was assembled on property by truly gifted artisans from Morocco. The beautiful, intricate, tile work was hand laid by these craftsmen before our eyes, as the fountain blossomed with color and pattern. The State of Hawai'i is blessed to be the recipient of such a grand gift.

Second Saturday: Mele Kalikimaka at HiSAM!

Saturday, December 8, 2012 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free



Come down to HiSAM and celebrate the holidays artfully with the Ladies of the Lauhala Hui. Learn simple techniques to make local-style ornaments your family will treasure.

Get into the spirit of the season with joyful carols from the talented young performers of Diamond Head Theatre's amazing Shooting Stars. They will be filling the Sculpture Lobby with music from 11 a.m. to noon. Gallery Hours for the museum

are 10 am to 4 pm. The hands-on art activities are free and open to the public from 11 am to 3 pm while supplies last.

Downtown streets aren't crowded on the weekend, so walk, bike, take The Bus or drive to HiSAM on Second Saturday (\$3 flat-rate parking across the street at Ali'i Place; enter at 1099 Alakea St. Free parking available at City & County underground lot at Beretania and Alapai).

Come see—it's your art!



SEEKING BIENNIUM GRANTS PANELISTS

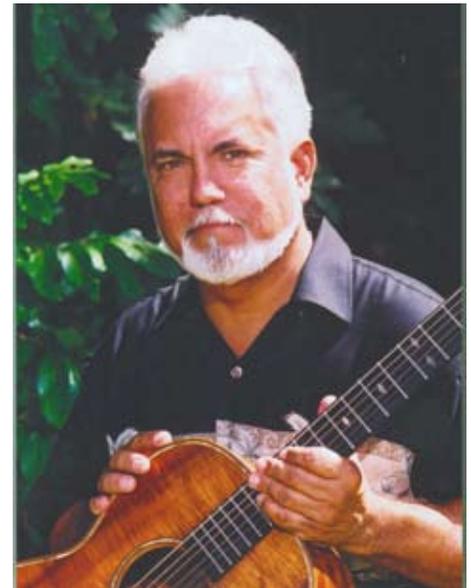
The Hawaii State Foundation On Culture and the Arts is seeking individuals to serve on the FY2013-FY2015 Community Peer Panels. Individuals with backgrounds in the arts, culture and humanities are encouraged to apply. For information regarding the panels and panel application, please contact Ashley Bastatas at 586-0840 or ashley.bastatas@hawaii.gov

Statewide Cultural Extension Program (SCEP) Events

A production of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Outreach College's Statewide Cultural Extension Program, HS-FCA partners with SCEP for annual presentation and touring outreach activities statewide, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Hawai'i State Founda-

tion on Culture and the Arts, and the Friends of the Library Hawai'i. Presentations may include music and dance from several cultures, Chinese arts and crafts, storytelling, jazz, and modern dance. The schedule for the month of November is as follows (consult your local library for any changes):

| Artist | Program | Location | Island | Date | Time |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Hawaii Opera Theatre | Opera Excerpts | The Lodge at Koele | Lanai | Dec. 1 | 7:00 pm |
| John Keawe | A Tribute to Slack Key | Hawaii Volcanoes National Park | Hawaii | Dec. 18 | 7:00 pm |



John Keawe – Slack Key Guitar - Photo courtesy of SCEP

Upcoming Arts Workshop for Classroom Teachers

The course is offered by Honolulu Theatre for Youth with partial funding from the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts through the National Endowment for the Arts and appropriations by the State Legislature. Professional development for teachers is one of HSFCFA Arts Education Program's major initiatives.

Title: Before Pencil Touches Paper: Creativity-based Strategies to Get K-6 Struggling Students Ready to Write

Dates: Saturdays, January 26, February 23, and March 30, 2013

Time: 9am - 4pm

Cost: \$150

Location: Office of Curriculum Instruction and Student Services, 22nd Ave, Honolulu, HI.

Instructors: Paul Wood and Daniel A. Kelin, II

Teachers will learn creative approaches to engage students in developing ideas into stories in advance of putting pencil to paper. Teachers will understand how to guide students to play with words and images, to trust imaginative impulses and to visualize character experiences in order to verbally and collaboratively shape ideas into individualized stories. Teachers will develop skills in engaging students kinesthetically, emotionally, and intellectually, encouraging them to personally invest in story-making to increase their understanding of story structure and creative expression. The processes demonstrated in this course are especially geared toward students who struggle with basic writing skills which impede their ability to express themselves.

Teachers can register for the course on the [PDE3 web-site](#). For questions or more information call the Education Department at Honolulu Theatre for Youth at 839-9885 ext 704 or contact edadmin@htyweb.org.



Teachers stretch their skills in an earlier professional development workshop