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Mele Kalikimaka

with Henry Kapono & Friends

A Live Stream Concert to Benefit the Henry Kapono Foundation

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Ending a challenging year on a positive note with Friends and Good Times Together, Henry Kapono announces a new Henry Kapono & Friends signature concert in a new format. "Mele Kalikimaka with Henry Kapono & Friends" features the legendary

Henry Kapono with some of Hawaii's most iconic artists in a fun packed and classic filled Holiday concert.

Presented by First Hawaiian Bank and with special support from Carolyn Berry Wilson, Outrigger Hotels and Resorts and the Hawaii Theatre Center, the Mele Kalikimaka concert featured artists include Hawaii Legends and multiple award winners Jerry Santos, Ledward Kaapana, Sistah Robi Kahakalau, Kapena, Alx Kawakami & the Luther Vandross of Hawaii, 6x 2020 Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winner, Josh Tatofi.

The first ever Henry Kapono & Friends livestream event will be filmed at the majestic Hawaii Theatre Center and presented on their inhouse streaming platform. Complimentary tickets (links) including a limited number of VIP Meet & Greet with Henry, are offered in 5 different time zones (Eastern, Central, Pacific, Hawaii & Japan) at the HTC box office www.HawaiiTheatre.com or by phone at (808)528-0506. Donations are appreciated and will benefit the Henry Kapono Foundation (HKF) whose mission is to "Support the community through music and the arts and by giving with Aloha".

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on the local music industry, resulting in concert cancellations and the closure of several music venues, which left musicians and artists without their main sources of income to support themselves and their families. HKF swiftly adjusted its programing focus and created the "We are Friends" giving program, providing close to \$175,000 in Foodland gift cards to Hawaii's professional music families in need. The HKF continues to research, identify & connect Hawaii's music industry with financial aid and resources for basic essentials such as rent, utilities & healthcare. For more information please visit www.HenryKaponoFoundation.org

"After all we've been though in 2020, I am so excited to bring everybody together for a good time Holiday Celebration!" – Henry

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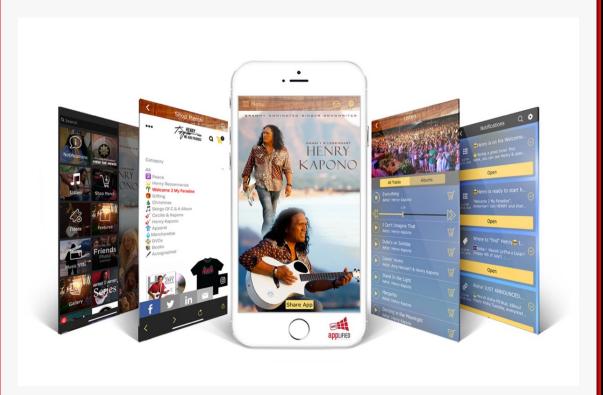








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