

Meet Kalani!



Welina me ke aloha! Aloha!!
(Welcome with love! Hello!!)

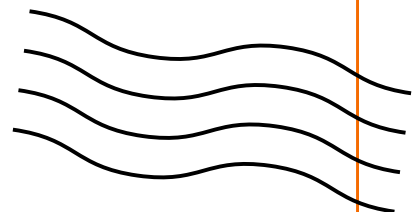


My name is Kalani Pe'a. I am a proud Hawaiian singer, songwriter, and producer. I grew up in Hilo, Hawai'i on the Big Island and now live on the island of Maui. The songs of Hawai'i carry the stories and language of my ancestors. Join me as we learn mele Hawai'i, discover the Hawaiian language, explore instruments, and dance the traditional hula. Let's go to the islands and embrace the people of Hawai'i.

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E ola ka hā,
(Long live the breath of our people,)

Kalani



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Hula Dancers in Traditional Attire

We asked Kalani ...

What are some of your favorite childhood memories?

Family gatherings were always the best. We spent days at the beach, in the mountains, enjoying barbecues with other families, and playing music until the break of dawn. We loved playing Makahiki games, traditional Hawaiian games.

What is some of the traditional Hawaiian clothing?

Our traditional attire varies from loin cloths to the lei to aloha shirts. There is a spiritual connection in our attire through print and creation and what we wear. What is adorned to our bodies truly identifies our people and the landscape of our islands.

What is your favorite food?

I think Hawaiian food is some of the best food in the world. Some of my favorites are laulau, a dish made of pork and butterfish wrapped in lu'au leaves; poi, a pureed taro root; and poke, raw seasoned fish.

How did you become a musician?

When I was two years old, my mom encouraged me to take music lessons and join a choir to counter a speech impediment I had developed. By age four, I had learned to sing and overcome my challenges. Music saved my life! My father now jokes that, "Kalani can't stop talking and singing."