

## 2018 NĀ HŌKŪ HANO HANO AWARDS – Finalists

### GENERAL CATEGORIES

#### Album of the Year

1. **‘Ala Anuheā** – Kamaka Kukona (Hanu), Dave Tucciarone and Kamakoa Lindsey-Asing, producers
2. **Ho‘okena 3.0** – Ho‘okena (Huliau, LLC), Ho‘okena, producer
3. **I Ke Kō A Ke Au** – Keauhou (Keauhou), Keauhou, producer
4. **Makawalu** – Nāpua (Pihana Productions), Dave Tucciarone and Kamakoa Lindsey-Asing, producers
5. **Palena ‘Ole** – Kapena (KDE), Kapena, producer

#### EP (Extended Play) of the Year

1. **Aia I Laila Ka Wai** – Various Artists, Keola Donaghy and Joel Katz producers (Institute of Hawaiian Music)
2. **His Songs, His Stories, His Style** – Brother Noland (Brother Noland)
3. **Musicians Helping Musicians, Friends Helping Friends** – Kuleana Breakfast Club (Kuleana Breakfast Club)
4. **Pali Ke Kua** – Mailani (Hā Enterprises)
5. **This Mountain** – Pat Simmons, Jr. (Pat Simmons, Jr.)

#### Single of the Year

1. **Autumn Leaves (Live)** – Keahi Conjugacion (No Hum Yet)
2. **In My Life** – Maggie Herron (Herron Song Records)
3. **Sincerely** – Matagi (with Fiji) (Mea Nui Records, LLC)
4. **We Are Hawai‘i’s Finest** – Ekolu (Waiehu Records)
5. **We Give You Glory** – Gabby Pahinui (Bless Up Productions)

#### Hawaiian Single of the Year (new)

1. **E Nānā** – Nathan Aweau (Bass Plus Music Arts)
2. **Kanakaloka** – Kalani Pe‘a (Kalani Pe‘a Music)
3. **Kaulana Ka Inoa ‘o Hōkūle‘a** – Chad Takatsugi featuring Nā Hoa and Kuini (*no label*)
4. **Ku‘u Lei Puakenikeni** – Shawn and Lehua (Kalima Music, LLC)
5. **Nou E Pauahi** – Eric Lee (Lee Enterprises)

#### Song of the Year

1. **Bamboo** – Kimie Miner, *from Proud As the Sun* (Haku Records), Kimie Miner, Imua Garza, Jesse Epstein, and Isaac Moreno, composers
2. **E Nānā** – Nathan Aweau, *from E Nānā* (Bass Plus Music Arts), Nathan Aweau, composer
3. **Kewalo Uka** – Keauhou, *from I Ke Kō A Ke Au* (Keauhou), Jonah Kahanuola Solatorio, composer
4. **Ku‘u Lei Puakenikeni** – Shawn and Lehua, *from Ku‘u Lei Puakenikeni* (Kalima Music, LLC), Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett, Shawn Pimental and Lehua Kalima, composers
5. **When I Come Home** – Kapena, *from Palena ‘Ole* (KDE), Kenneth Makuakāne, composer

#### Instrumental Composition of the Year

1. **Indie Man** – Kamuela Kahoano *from Portraits* (Green Light Go HI Productions), Kamuela Kahoano, composer
2. **Journey Across the Sea, The** – Greg Sardinha, Tsun-Hui Hung, and Jeff Peterson, *from Across the Sea* (Keala Records), Greg Sardinha and Tsun-Hui Hung, composers
3. **Kahulanui Boogie Woogie** – Kahulanui *from Mele Ho‘oilina* (Kahulanui, LLC), Bill Noble, composer
4. **Kailua Rain** – Kuleana Breakfast Club *from Musicians Helping Musicians, Friends Helping Friends* (Kuleana Breakfast Club), David Kauahikaua, composer
5. **Ke Ali‘i Ki‘eki‘e** – Kenneth Makuakāne *from Simply for Ke Akua (KMM)*, Kenneth Makuakāne and Kawaiipunaoha‘ao Makuakāne, composers

#### Female Vocalist of the Year

1. **Sandy Essman** – ‘Ale‘a (Tin Idol Productions)
2. **Mailani** – Pali Ke Kua (Hā Enterprises)
3. **Stef Mariani** – Stay Gold (Klever Kitty Records)
4. **Kimie Miner** – Proud As the Sun (Haku Records)
5. **Nāpua** – Makawalu (Pihana Productions)

#### Group of the Year

1. **Bryan Tolentino & Herb Ohta, Jr.** – ‘Ukulele Friends, The Sequel (Neos Productions)
2. **Ho‘okena** – Ho‘okena 3.0 (Huliau, LLC)
3. **Kahulanui** – Mele Ho‘oilina (Kahulanui, LLC)
4. **Kapena** – Palena ‘Ole (KDE)
5. **Keauhou** – I Ke Kō A Ke Au (Keauhou)

#### Male Vocalist of the Year

1. **Lito Arkangel** – Ku‘upau (Lito Arkangel)
2. **Brother Noland** – His Songs, His Stories, His Style (Brother Noland)
3. **Jack Johnson** – All the Light Above It Too (Brushfire Records)
4. **Kamaka Kukona** – ‘Ala Anuheā (Hanu)
5. **Kenneth Makuakāne** – Simply for Ke Akua (KMM)

#### Most Promising Artist of the Year

1. **Beat-Lele** – Beat-Lele: An Ukulele Tribute to the Beatles (Beatle-lele Music)
2. **Kala‘e Camarillo** – Working Man (*no label*)
3. **Halemanu** – So the Story Goes (Sounds Like Hale)
4. **Leipono** – Ku‘u Pualei (*no label*)
5. **Pat Simmons, Jr.** – This Mountain (Pat Simmons, Jr.)

#### GENRE CATEGORIES

##### Alternative Album of the Year

1. **Anaspond** – Mele‘uhane (Tiki Time Records)
2. **Human** – Kukahi Lee (Makali‘i Productions)
3. **Portraits** – Kamuela Kahoano (Green Light Go HI Productions)
4. **Retrograde** – Evan Khay (Evan Khay)
5. **Stay Gold** – Stef Mariani (Klever Kitty Records)

##### Anthology of the Year

1. **30th Anniversary** – Pandanus Club (KMM)
2. **Best of Metal Kalikimaka Vol. 1 - 3** – Tin Idols (Tin Idol Productions)
3. **Family Memories – The Best of Dad, Nick, and Alx** – Manoa DNA (ASFI)
4. **Happy to Be Me** – Randy Parker (Mauka Productions)
5. **Jus’ Bes’** – Led Kaapana (Jus’ Press Productions)

##### Compilation of the Year

1. **Nā Leo Kau‘i Ō Hawai‘i** – Various Artists (Neos Productions)
2. **Nā Mele ‘Ukulele** – Various Artists (Neos Productions)

3. **Season of Change, A** – Various Artists (Elation Records)

Contemporary Album of the Year

1. **All The Light Above It Too** – Jack Johnson (Brushfire Records)
2. **Aloha Spirit** – Tavana (*no label*)
3. **John Valentine Hawaii: Back In My Day** – John Valentine (Studio Valentine One Music)
4. **Palena ‘Ole** – Kapena (KDE)
5. **Proud As the Sun** – Kimie Miner (Haku Records)

Hawaiian Music Album of the Year

1. **‘Ala Anuhea** – Kamaka Kukona (Hanu)
2. **Ho‘okena 3.0** – Ho‘okena (Huliau, LLC)
3. **I Ke Kō A Ke Au** – Keauhou (Keauhou)
4. **Ku‘upau** – Lito Arkangel (Lito Arkangel)
5. **Makawalu** – Nāpua (Pihana Productions)

Hip Hop Album of the Year

1. **ArtChiTexture** – Cedric Clinton (*no label*)
2. **Makana** – Illtalian (*no label*)
3. **My Time, No Lie** – Slikk (Aloha Hye Records)
4. **Open Eyes** – Geronimo (*no label*)
5. **Rubberbandz & Contraband** – Aktion (Twentybirdz)
6. **TRULife** – Tre Tru (Island Moho Ent.)

Instrumental Album of the Year

1. **Across the Sea** – Greg Sardinha, Tsun-Hui Hung, and Jeff Peterson (Keala Records)
2. **Aloha, This Is Who We Are** – Lance Takamiya (Lance Takamiya / Pass Out Records)
3. **Na Waiho‘olu‘u** – Dennis Soares (Elation Records)

Island Music Album of the Year

1. **Aloha From My Hawai‘i** – Michael Chock (Seawind Productions)
2. **Coming Home** – Cane Fire (Cane Fire Music)
3. **Island Treasurers** – Damien Paiva (*no label*)
4. **People and Places of Na Ko‘olau** – Rod Young and Gordon Broad (Moon Surfer Productions)
5. **So the Story Goes** – Halemanu (Sounds Like Hale)

Jazz Album of the Year

1. **Deems Tsutakawa and Friends – Live in Hawaii** – Deems Tsutakawa and Friends (J-Town Records)
2. **Live at Studio 6** – Rich Crandall Trio (Music Formats)
3. **Mele Ho‘oilina** – Kahulanui (Kahulanui, LLC)
4. **Rendezvous At Eight** – Jimmy C (Jimmy C)
5. **Swanky at Abbey Road** – Patrick von Wiegandt featuring Ginai (von Wiegandt Productions)

Metal Album of the Year (*new*)

1. **Guns, God, Gold** – Champions of Terminal (Tin Idol Productions)
2. **Medusa Live at Kumu Kahua Theatre** – Storm (Tin Idol Productions)
3. **New Genesis** – Sin73 (Tin Idol Productions)
4. **Tribute** – Makona (Tin Idol Productions)
5. **Zodiac** – Storm (Tin Idol Productions)

#### Music Video of the Year (*new*)

1. **Bamboo** – Kimie Miner (Haku Records)
2. **E Nā Kini** – Kalani Pe‘a (Kalani Pe‘a Music)
3. **E Pili Mai** – Nāpua (Pihana Productions)
4. **Kewalo Uka** – Keauhou (Keauhou)
5. **When I Come Home** – Kapena (KDE)

#### R&B Album of the Year

1. **Genres of Soul** – RJ Kaneao (Groove Plant Hawaii)
2. **Point Panic** – Mango Season (*no label*)
3. **Universal Invitation** – Goldawn Won & The Universe (808 Connects)

#### Reggae Album of the Year

1. **Almost Famous** – Backwards Shaka (Yucky Apple Studios)
2. **Live What You Love** – Mark Saito (Mark Saito Music)
3. **Marching Orders** – The Green (Easy Star Records)

#### Religious Album of the Year

1. **Carry Me On** – Mark Riley (Music Missions International Kauai)
2. **Greatest Love, The** – Nigel Kauanui (*no label*)
3. **Kingdom**– New Hope Oahu Music (Dream Music)
4. **Simply for Ke Akua** – Kenneth Makuakāne (KMM)
5. **Souljahs of Jesus Christ** – Sons of Yeshua (Bless Up Productions)

#### Rock Album of the Year

1. **Along These Lines** – Zach Manzano (Zach Manzano)
2. **Eklectic** – Stuart Hollinger (Baby Boy Productions)
3. **Lightning Strikes Hilo** – Larry Dupio (*no label*)
4. **Lock** – The Bandhas (Ultramega Records)
5. **Lovechile** – Lovechile (Pass Out Records)
6. **Shining** – Pierce Bivens (Bandwagon Studios)

#### ‘Ukulele Album of the Year

1. **More Than This** – Kris Fuchigami (Kris Fuchigami)
2. **My Dog Has Fleas** – Arlie-Avery Asiu (Arlie-Avery Asiu)
3. **New Journey, A** – Andrew Molina (Shadow Uke Music)
4. **Soliloquy** – Arden Fujiwara (*no label*)
5. **Spotless Mind, The** – Neal Chin (Nose Butter Productions)
6. **‘Ukulele Friends: The Sequel** – Bryan Tolentino & Herb Ohta, Jr. (Neos Productions)

#### TECHNICAL CATEGORIES

##### Graphics Award

1. **Wailani Artates** for *Makawalu* – Nāpua (Pihana Productions)
2. **Brooke Dombroski** for *Proud As The Sun* – Kimie Miner (Haku Records)
3. **Scarlet Eskildsen** for *Mele Ho ‘oilina* – Kahulanui (Kahulanui, LLC)
4. **Daryl Fujiwara** for *Ku ‘u Pualei* – Leipono (no label)

5. **Kamea Hadar** for *Marching Orders – The Green* (Easy Star Records)
6. **Scott Johnson** for *Jus’ Bes’ – Ledward Kaapana* (Jus’ Bes’ Productions)
7. **Ranae Keane-Bamsey** for *Honi Honi – Bula Akamu* (no label)
8. **Raul Soria, Jr.** for *Isochronism – Aphesis* (Made in Pain)

#### Liner Notes

1. **Kamaka Kukona** for *‘Ala Anuheia – Kamaka Kukona* (Hanu)
2. **Maila Gibson** for *Ho’okena 3.0 – Ho’okena* (Huliau, LLC)
4. **Zachary Alaka’i Lum** for *I Ke Kō A Ke Au – Keauhou* (Keauhou)
5. **Pono Murray** for *Ku’u Pualei* (no label)
6. **Anela U’ilani Tanigawa** for *Makawalu – Nāpua* (Pihana Productions)
7. **Napua Wong** for *Tree of Life – Mokihana Flood* (Moki Records)

#### ADJUDICATED CATEGORIES

##### Haku Mele

1. **‘Ala Anuheia** – by Kamaka Kukona, from *‘Ala Anuheia – Kamaka Kukona* (Hanu)
2. **Aloha Maunalua** – by Nicholas Keali’i Lum, from *I Ke Kō A Ke Au – Keauhou* (Keauhou)
3. **Lei Nani Kalaunu** – by Kīhei Nahale-a, from *Makawalu – Nāpua* (Pihana Productions)
4. **Lei O Kaiona** – by Manaiakalani Kalua and Kīhei Nahale-a from *Makawalu – Nāpua* (Pihana Productions)
5. **Mā’eli’eli** – by Zachary Alaka’i Lum, from *I Ke Kō A Ke Au – Keauhou* (Keauhou)

##### Hawaiian Language Performance Award

1. **Ho’okena** – Ho’okena 3.0 (Huliau, LLC)
2. **Keauhou** – I Ke Kō A Ke Au (Keauhou)
3. **Kamaka Kukona** – ‘Ala Anuheia (Hanu)
4. **Leipono** – Ku’u Pualei (no label)
5. **Kenneth Makuakāne** - Simply For Ke Akua (KMM)
6. **Nāpua** – Makawalu (Pihana Productions)

##### Engineering – General

1. **Kapena De Lima** for *Palena ‘Ole –Kapena* (KDE)
2. **Imua Garza** for *Retrograde – Evan Khay* (Evan Khay)
3. **Imua Garza and Jules Washington** for *Proud As The Sun – Kimie Miner* (Haku Records)
4. **Imua Garza and Zeo Music** for *Dewfall – Czarina del Mar* (Czarina del Mar)
5. **Leslie Ludiazo, Wendell Ching, Jules Washington, Brad Watanabe and Brian Fennell\*** for *Marching Orders – The Green* (Easy Star Records)
6. **Zach Manzano** for *Along These Lines – Zach Manzano* (Zach Manzano)

##### Engineering – Hawaiian

1. **Charles Michael Brotman and Lito Arkangel** for *Ku’upau – Lito Arkangel* (Lito Arkangel)
2. **Kale Chang** for *Huaka’i Ku’u Poli – Kamanawa* (Keala Records)
3. **Dave Tucciarone** for *‘Ala Anuheia – Kamaka Kukona* (Hanu)
4. **Dave Tucciarone** for *Ku’u Pualei – Leipono* (no label)
5. **Dave Tucciarone** for *Makawalu – Nāpua* (Pihana Productions)

##### International Album – Special Recognition Award

1. **Paradise Magic** – Ho Capito (Earth Groove)

2. **Colors** – Hook (Fukuhara Naoki)
3. **Ku‘u Hale ‘O Kope** – Kahealani (Kissa Kope)
4. **Menehune** – Kentaro Tsushima (Kepani Records)
5. **Sunset Breeze** – Ukulele Swing Trio (JB Music)
6. **Ke Ola Hou** – John Taisuke Yamada (JST)

\* Indicates a credited non-resident who is ineligible to receive a trophy should the release win.