

An Evening of Aloha

The Makaha Sons

For 34 years, the Makaha Sons have committed themselves to perpetuate traditional Hawaiian music throughout Hawai'i and the World. They are a trio, consisting of members Louis Moon Kauakahi on 6-string guitar, John Koko on upright acoustic bass and Jerome Koko on 12-string guitar. They are recognized as one of Hawai'i's premiere Hawaiian musical groups, maintaining a vibrant sound, full and rich with harmonies that only they can create. Their incomparable vocal arrangements and delightful stage presence filled with comical antics have won the hearts of thousands of fans worldwide.

The Makaha Sons perform throughout Hawaii, the mainland of United States and Japan. More recently they did shows in Mexico and Canada. They have performed at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City on three occasions, entertained both the President and Vice-President of the United States, and sang the U.S. national anthem in front of 70,000 New England Patriot football fans. They have also appeared in the movie, North Shore and have been featured guests on shows such as The Captain and Tennille Show and NBC's Today Show with Bryant Gumbel and Katie Couric, in addition to local Hawaiian shows such as Island Music, Island Heart, and Emme's Island Moments. They have recorded over 22 CDs/DVDs.

This year's concerts in Toronto featuring the Makaha Sons have been finalized! We welcome the Sons back to Toronto for two concerts,

Friday September 30, 2011 and Saturday October 1, 2011.

The shows will begin at 7:30pm each night, and the pre-show activity will include:

1. the Children's Ukelele Ensemble lead by Canadian Juno Award winner Melanie Doane,
2. a local children's choir,
3. performances by local Halaus,
4. and a few other entertaining surprises!

Place: Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre - Kobayashi Hall
6 Garamond Court, Toronto, Ontario M3C 1Z5

Tickets: \$45.00/per person (one concert) -or-
\$85.00/per person, for both Friday and Saturday evenings (2 concerts)

NOTE: General Seating - first come, first serve basis
(Reserved seating for performers and corporate sponsors only)

Ticket can be ordered through the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre and local GTA halaus, including: Halau Hula O Kaleiu'iokalani (please see below). This is a fundraising event -net proceeds will go to the Children's Ukelele Program in Toronto, in memory of Shane Talebian. This program is incorporated in some schools as part of the music class and in one school as an after school program.

The Children's Ukelele Ensemble

A group of Toronto School Board students selected from the Children's Ukelele Program lead by Juno Award Winner, Melanie Doane. Funding is needed to help kids join the program, especially those whose family cannot otherwise afford lessons. Melanie and many of the teachers and parents support the idea that the ukelele can be a wonderful springboard to other stringed instruments. This program is giving children the chance to experience the joy of music through the ukelele and, at the same time, they are building the foundation for expanding their love of musical instrumentation and song if they so desire. It is clear that capabilities in this area can lead to a sense of accomplishment and a lifetime of enjoyment through music.

As indicated, any net proceeds from The Makaha Sons' concerts will help support and expand the Children's Ukelele Program. It is my belief that this program is an excellent fit in terms of our Evening of Aloha concerts with The Makaha Sons since the ukelele is at the heart of Hawaiian Music. Any contribution to the program will be done in memory of Shane Robert Amir Espada-Talebian, beloved son of Alilei and Amir Talebian, who suddenly passed away in 2010 at age 16. His mother, Alilei, is kumu hula (leader/teacher) of the Spirit of Aloha Hula Ohana (a polynesian dance school in the GTA) for 25 years. The entire family (immediate and extended) love Hawaiian music, dance and culture and Shane was no exception. As a young boy, Shane was a past student at the Spirit of Aloha. As a young man, Shane was a part of the Kane (Men) of Halau Hula O Kaleiu'iokalani. Any contribution in his name seems so appropriate and would certainly make him very proud.

~ Pam Pitz, Event Co-ordinator

For your convenience, you may purchase your concert tickets through Halau Hula O Kaleiu'iokalani, with an electronic funds transfer payment for the full amount.

1. Email your full name, complete mailing address and contact numbers (daytime and evening) to:
makaha-tickets@fortheLoveofHula.com
Kindly include within your email what the 'question-and-answer' will be for your Electronic Funds Transfer.
2. Confirm your current email address in your email.
3. List the number of tickets you wish to purchase:
 - a. for FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 only,
 - b. for SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2011 only,
 - c. and/or the number of tickets for BOTH EVENINGS.

You are required to surrender payment via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) immediately after sending your email to ensure a seamless process. You will be sent a confirmation email from us once your email and payment is received. All ticket requests and Electronic Funds Transfers should be forwarded to: makaha-tickets@fortheLoveofHula.com