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The Shops at Wailea Brings Back Kuana Torres Kahele on August 15 *Concerts at The Shops Welcomes Guests for an Evening of Hawaiian Music*

Wailea, Maui, Hawaii – (August 1, 2018) Hawaiian composer and recording artist, Kuana Torres Kahele, returns to Concerts at The Shops with a complimentary performance on Wednesday, August 15 at 5:30pm.

Hilo-born Kuana Torres Kahele is a recipient of multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano awards and is well known for his genre-bending creativity. He comes from a revered lineage of Hawaiian musicians including Bill Aliiloa Lincoln, Victor Kala and George Holokai. He credits much of his success to Johnny Lum Ho, renowned Kumu Hula and esteemed composer, who took a young Kahele under his wing in 1991. Kahele's music history also includes connecting with Kehau Tamure to form the multi award-winning Na Palapalai, where they gained critical acclaim for reviving Hawaiian classics in addition to original compositions.

In June of 2015, Kahele starred in Disney Pixar's hit movie, "LAVA," as both the narrator and male lead, "Uku", a lovesick volcano. Kahele's theme song from "LAVA" debuted at #1 on the Billboard Soundtrack chart and remained there for several months, pushing him to worldwide fame. Today, Kahele's original composition "Ke Any O Waimea" is the most popular song in Japan.

Concerts at The Shops is a free monthly concert series that is open to the public and features headlining musicians from all the Hawaiian Islands. This music event occurs on the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30-7pm with performances at the main Fountain Courtyard.

In a continued effort to give back to the community, The Shops at Wailea supports a different Maui non-profit each month with 60 percent of the special event parking fees going back to the non-profit. August's non-profit recipient is Assistance Dogs of Hawaii. The Shops' goal is to enrich the community through exploration and discovery in the arts and music while supporting local businesses and non-profit partners. The four-hour special event parking voucher is available for \$5 and can be purchased at the nonprofit's parking table.

For a complete calendar of events and entertainment, visit www.TheShopsAtWailea.com.

About The Shops at Wailea

The Shops at Wailea is Maui's premier shopping and dining destination with more than 70 distinct boutiques, shops, restaurants and galleries. It is nestled in the heart of Wailea Resort at 3750 Wailea Alanui Drive and is managed by The Festival Companies. The Shops at Wailea is open daily from 9:30am to 9pm and offers free parking for the first hour and validated parking with a combined minimum spend of \$25 for the next three hours; then standard rates apply at \$6 an hour or \$3 for every 30 minutes. For more information, visit our website at www.TheShopsAtWailea.com or call (808) 891-6770. Follow @TheShopsAtWailea on Instagram and @ShopsAtWailea on Twitter and "Like" us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TheShopsAtWailea).

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