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The Shops at Wailea Welcomes Kuana Torres Kahele For September Concert Series

Concerts at The Shops Invites Patrons to Enjoy an Evening of Hawaiian Music

Wailea, Maui, Hawaii – (September 13, 2017) The Shops at Wailea is pleased to welcome talented singer and songwriter Kuana Torres Kahele on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Fountain Courtyard. 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 5:30pm to 7pm with performances at the main Fountain Courtyard.

Well known for singing, songwriting and genre-bending creativity, Kuana Torres Kahele comes from a revered lineage of Hawaiian musicians including: Bill Aliiloa Lincoln, Victor Kala and George Holokai. The recipient of multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano awards, Kahele 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 musical 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. Today, Kahele's original "Ke Anu O Waimea" is the most popular hula song in Japan.

In a continued effort to give back to the community, The Shops at Wailea supports a different Maui non-profit each month with sixty percent of the special event parking fees going back to the non-profit. September's non-profit recipient is Maui Hui Malama, an organization that transforms Maui's at-risk youth into thriving community members. 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 non-profit's parking table.

For a complete calendar of events, activities and entertainment, please visit our website at TheShopsAtWailea.com and connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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 9:00pm and offers free parking for the first hour and validated parking with a purchase 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 @ShopsAtWailea on Instagram and Twitter and "Like" us on Facebook.

About The Festival Companies

The Festival Companies is a full-service shopping center developer, property manager and advisory services firm, based in Los Angeles and Oahu. Festival's 13 year track record in Hawaii includes an array of high profile and unique projects including Royal Hawaiian Center, SALT at Our Kaka'ako, Lahaina Gateway, and Maui Mall. Festival is a nationally recognized innovator of retail properties, transforming real estate into vibrant retail destinations unique to their locations and demographics. Festival's specialized expertise includes regional malls, high quality resort properties, street retail and urban-in-fill projects, lifestyle destination centers, community centers, and retail driven mixed-use properties. Festivals extensive background in redevelopment has spurred revitalization and economic development to many communities. Over its 30 year history Festival has developed and operated over 25 million square feet of retail properties in 23 states.