



Na Makamaka O Ka Pana Ali'i O Hawai'i

(The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band)

Band Will Produce New CD



Princess Abigail

With the financial backing of Princess Abigail Kawanakoa, the Royal Hawaiian Band will be producing a new CD featuring the music performed at its 175th anniversary concert.

The Princess led and financed many other projects. Therefore, she was awarded the **2010 Kama'aina of the Year** by the Historic Hawai'i Foundation for her dedication and work to preserve native Hawaiian culture, including the restoration of 'Iolani Palace, built by her great-granduncle King David Kalakaua.

The Band and the Friends are very grateful for her support as a member of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band and the financial backer of the new CD, which will be released in July 2013.

Friends' Annual Meeting on March 16, 2013

The annual meeting and 'aha'aina of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the Queen Emma Summer Palace from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

In addition to the meeting, there will be delicious food and entertainment by the Royal Hawaiian Band and other entertainers. Complimentary drinks will be served from 5:00 p.m. Valet parking will also be complimentary.

The 'aha'aina will be free for members; \$30 for guests and non-members.

The membership and 'aha'aina reservation form was mailed to each member. **If you did not receive it, there is a copy on page 4 of this newsletter.** Please fill the form and mail it with your check to the FRHB address. **Mahalo!**

Matt Catingub and Aaron Mahi Compose New Pieces for the Band

The Friends have commissioned Matt Catingub and Aaron Mahi to write new pieces for the Royal Hawaiian Band.

Catingub, the former pops conductor of the Honolulu and Hawai'i Symphony Orchestras, has arranged a medley of songs, which were performed by the late **Israel Kamakawiwo'ole**. The songs in this medley are *Hawai'i 78*, *White Sandy Beach of Hawai'i*, *In This Life*, *Henehene Kou Aka*, *Ulilie*, and *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.



Matt Catingub

The Band will premiere this piece at the Friends' annual meeting on March 16th, 2013.

Mahi, the former bandmaster of the Royal Hawaiian Band composed his piece, based on Psalm 121, for chorus and band in honor of the late **Ed Michelman**, former president of



Aaron Mahi

the Friends.

Several choral groups - *Kawaiolaonapukaileo*, *Ke Ahe Lau Makani Festival Chorus*, and the **University of Hawai'i Manoa Hawaiian Chorus** - will join together with the **Royal Hawaiian Band** to debut Mahi's work at the *Ahe Lau Makani Hawaii Choral Festival on March 23, 2013 at Kawaiha'o Church at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.*

New Postcard on Market Soon

Design by David Bandy

Photo by Tina Lau



The Friends has a new product to sell...a new postcard! It will be part of its memorabilia merchandise, and will soon be sold at a very nominal rate when opportunities arise.

**The Royal Hawaiian Band, the Consular Corps of
Hawai'i, and the German Benevolent Society of
Honolulu**
By Niklaus Schweizer

Three venerable organizations have joined hands again in recent years, after having cooperated very closely for the better part of the 19th century. Of the three, the Consular Corps of Hawai'i is the oldest as it goes back to 1824.

At that time the Corps was made up of two diplomats, namely the Consul of the United States and the Consul General of Great Britain, soon to be joined by a French representative, namely Jules Dudoit.

The Kingdom of Hawai'i, on its part, established a diplomatic corps as well and in 1892 maintained no fewer than 93 posts around the world. It had also concluded 20 friendship treaties with other nations including Austria-Hungary, Germany, France, Great Britain, Japan, Russia, Samoa, and the United States.

Today the Consular Corps of Hawai'i consists of the representatives of some forty nations from all five continents and Oceania.

The Royal Hawaiian Band, having been founded in 1836, is the second oldest, and the German Benevolent Society of Honolulu, once called "*Der deutsche Gemeinnutzige Verein zu Honolulu*," is the youngest. The Society received a charter from King Kalakaua in 1889, but it was organized some thirty years earlier.

This troika worked together very closely, on state occasions at 'Iolani Palace, at luncheons, dinners, balls, weddings, jubilees of famous business establishments such as H. Hackfeld and Company. As of late, this erstwhile cooperation has been remembered and a new period of working together has commenced as **expressed in generous contributions to the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band by the German Benevolent Society of Honolulu.**

Consequently, the Consular Corps of Hawai'i asked me to present, on its behalf, a substantial check to Friends' President Antoinette Lee on the occasion of the Consular Corps' International Night in October of 2012. This present was given in gratitude for the Royal Hawaiian Band's participation in the Annual Ball and Installation Ceremony of the Corps at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

At the Installation Ceremony the Band played no fewer than four anthems, namely the anthem of the nation represented by the Incoming Dean of the Corps, the anthem of the Outgoing Dean, "The Star Spangled Banner," and "Hawai'i Pono'i,"

Hopefully, the aforementioned troika will deepen their cooperation in the years to come for the benefit of all the people of Hawai'i, as well as the many visitors to the Islands.



Niklaus Schweizer

*President's
Message*



Hauoli Makahi Hou, Members!

I hope this newsletter finds all of you healthy and and taking the time to reflect on the wonderful memories of 2012. I hope 2013 will continue to keep us healthy and help us all enjoy economic growth.

The Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band is looking forward to seeing all of you at **our Annual Meeting which will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the Queen Emma Summer Palace.** We have several surprises for all of you this year. **You can all look forward to hearing a medley arranged by Matt Catingub on songs performed by the late Israel Kamakawiwo'ole.** The Friends commissioned this work, so that the Royal Hawaiian Band will have new music to perform.

You will also be able to meet Israel's lovely wife, Marlene, who will be attending the event to hear this special composition. There will be other surprises that will be in store for you at our annual meeting.

We have also commissioned Aaron Mahi to arrange some music for the Royal Hawaiian Band in honor of the late Ed Michelman. This piece will debut at the *Ahe Lau Makani Hawaiian Choral Festival* which will be held at the Kawaiahaø Church on **Saturday, March 23, 2013.** There will be "Tea on the Lawn" from 5 to 6:00 p.m. and the concert will be from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.. You are all invited to come and enjoy the evening with us, and please bring your friends. **Admission to the tea and concert is free.**

We are excited to announce that the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band will be offering student membership for full time students of all ages very soon.

As you can see, we continue to work hard to get ourselves out in the community to attract more members to join us. **Let's double our membership in 2013. We continue to be strong advocates of the Royal Hawaiian Band and enjoy perpetuating our Hawaiian music and culture. Let us tell our story together!**

Aloha,

Toni Lee

Band Wins Two Christmas Tree Decorating Awards!



Former Mayor Peter Carlise presents the award certificate to Band members. (from left) **Jeri Evans, Eric Kop,** and **Karla Myers** Looking on is **Kaleve Iosefa**, former director of the Mayor's Office on Culture and Arts.

The Band won first place for Excellence and second place for Best in Show in the city's annual Christmas Tree Decorating Competition between City & County departments. The theme was "Shaka Santa's Underwater Adventure." The Band named its creation "Shaka Santa Catches a Concert." The Band's tree and other entrees were displayed in Honolulu Hale's courtyard during the holiday season.

The committee consisted of Band members and volunteers: **Eric Kop (chair), Mike Baker, Yoojin Cancio, Jeff and Jerri Evans, Mae Masuda-Kop, Karla Myers, Dannis Nagamine, Lynn Ueshiro,** and **Mike Vonderburgh.**

Welcome, Yoojin to the Band

The newest Band member, **Yoojin Cancio**, was hired as a percussionist in November 2013. She was born in Seoul, Korea and received her Master's degree and D.M.A in percussion from Ohio State University.



Eric Kop, chair of the Band's committee, poses with the Band's winning Christmas tree.

Bandmaster's Message



Aloha Friends,

As we perform each concert, I continue to be humbled by the amazing opportunity I have to partner with some of the best musicians Hawai'i has to offer in our efforts to perpetuate Hawaiian music in service to the community. Yielding the baton in front of this treasured organization for the past two years has reminded me of the beauty of Hawai'i's music, dance, culture and people. What an amazing place to live!

I am honored to continue serving the city under Mayor Kirk Caldwell. He has a genuine love for the Royal Hawaiian Band, and his support, encouragement and respect for the Band is evident. We look forward to enriching the lives of the community under our newly elected mayor.

We are anxiously awaiting the annual meeting in March. Thanks to the FRIENDS, we will be debuting a newly commissioned piece by **Matt Catingub**. The band voted to have Matt arrange a medley of tunes made famous by **Israel Kamakawiwo'ole**. We hope to continue his legacy with a beautiful arrangement by one of the best arrangers anywhere.

Thanks to the support of the City administration and Council, this next six months will be spent filling vacant positions. We will be able to fill an in-house staff arranger position as well as two full-time musician positions: French horn and trombone. Each position brings a renewed energy to the band.

Please feel free to continue to visit our website – www.rhb-music.com - for more information. **It is an honor to partner with the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band in musical service to our community. We look forward to your continued support. The future continues to look Bright!**

*A hui hou,
Clarke*

February Public Concert Schedule

Because the schedule may change, please refer to www.rrhbmusic.com for updates.

Friday	Feb. 1	9:30 am 12:00 pm	HI State Library - Centennial Kick-off Ceremony 'Iolani Palace
Saturday	Feb. 2	3:30 pm	Night in Chinatown Parade (Richard-Hotel Streets)
Sunday	Feb. 3	tba	Kapiolani Park - Vietnamese New Year Festival
Thursday	Feb. 7	1:00 pm	Royal Hawaiian Center - Special guests from Japan
Friday	Feb. 8	12:00 pm	Iolani Palace - Special guests Maryknoll Grade School
Sunday	Feb. 10	12:00 pm	'Iolani Palace - Kama'aina Sunday
Friday	Feb. 15	12:00 pm	'Iolani Palace
Sunday	Feb. 17	2:00 pm	Kahala Mall
Thursday	Feb. 21	1:00 pm	Royal Hawaiian Center Royal Grove
Friday	Feb. 22	12:00 pm	'Iolani Palace
Saturday	Feb. 23	12:00 pm	Windward Mall
Sunday	Feb. 24	9:00 am	Hilton Hawaiian Village Grand Lawn - Duke Kahanamoku Canoe Challenge

