



Harris Center

Three Stages at Folsom Lake College

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“ONE OF HAWAII’S BRIGHTEST NEW STARS,” KALANI PE’A TO PERFORM AT THE HARRIS CENTER

He won a Grammy Award for his first album; his second recording is nominated for a 2019 Grammy as well. Winners of the 2019 Grammys will be announced less than two weeks after Kalani’s Folsom debut

(December 19, 2018, Folsom, CA) Winner of a 2017 Grammy Award for his debut CD, “his voice...his passion for music... will take you to the heavens” (Darlene Ahuna). Kalani Pe’a’s path to stardom was anything but direct: he was diagnosed with a speech impediment at age four, and his mother introduced him to singing to help him with words. He’s come a long way: in 2017, following his first Na Hoku Award, he was honored by the Hawai’i State House of Representatives as a “torchbearer [recognized] for his accomplishments and continued work on behalf of Native Hawaiians.” The Harris Center welcomes Kalani Pe’a in his Folsom debut.

Kalani Pe’a will perform at the Harris Center Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 7 pm. Tickets are \$18-\$42; Premium \$48; Children, Students with ID \$12. Tickets are available online at www.harriscenter.net or from Harris Center Ticket Office at 916-608-6888 from 12 noon to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and two hours before show time. Parking is included in the price of the ticket. Harris Center is located on the west side of Folsom Lake College campus in Folsom, CA, facing East Bidwell Street. . Special thanks to our event partner, Sea Escape Travel in Folsom.

“Gifted with a gorgeous voice and a flair for composing resonant Hawaiian songs, his debut album established him as a major, innovative figure in contemporary Hawaiian music” (*Maui News*).

Pea is all about perpetuating the Hawaiian language as evidenced on his debut album *E Walea*, which means to come together like birds, be elated, be exuberant and enjoy.

It is a rare feat to bring home a Grammy on the first try; indeed, Kalani Pe'a's debut album *E Walea* took home the Grammy Award for "Best Regional Roots Music Album," but the good news didn't stop there. Kalani Pe'a was awarded the 2017 Na Hoku Hanohano Award (Hawaii's "Grammy") for Best Hawaiian Contemporary Album, making history "as the first Hawaii recording artist EVER to have received a Grammy Award and a Na Hoku Hanohano Award for the same project. No one has accomplished that before" (*Honolulu Star-Advertiser*). *E Walea* hit number 1 on the iTunes World Music Charts and number 12 on the Billboard World Albums Charts.

In 2018, Kalani Pe'a was awarded a prestigious Native Arts & Cultures Foundation Fellowship.

Kalani Pe'a's sophomore release, entitled *No 'Ane'i* (We Belong Here), was nominated for the 61st annual Grammy Awards under the Best Regional Roots Music Album category. The 2019 Grammy Awards will be broadcasted on CBS on Sunday, February 10, 2019 — not even two weeks after his Folsom appearance.

Kalani Pea sings everything from classical, musical, ballads, R&B, soul and of course Hawaiian music, which displays well his wide-ranging talents as a songwriter and music composer.

His musical career really began at age four when Pea was diagnosed with a speech impediment; his mother Pua Leonard "introduced my son to singing and music to help him pronounce his words."

Leonard and Pea's father Arthur (Ata) Pea, who comes from a musical family, encouraged Kalani to take vocal lessons and choir and entered him in talent and karaoke competitions.

By the time he was 8 years old, Pea was winning numerous talent competitions statewide. In college, he received his degree in Mass Communications; he also has a background in early childhood education.

"From speech therapy to being a college graduate in communications," noted Pea's father with humor, "Kalani can't stop talking and singing."

Great Shows. Up Close. In Folsom!

The Harris Center for the Arts at Folsom Lake College brings the community together to share in cultural experiences featuring the work of artists from throughout the region and around the world. Built and operated by the Los Rios Community College District, the \$50 million, state-of-the-art regional performing arts center boasts three intimate venues with outstanding acoustics, an art gallery, a recording studio, elegant teaching spaces, plenty of safe parking and all the other amenities of a world-class performing arts venue. Each year the Center hosts over 400 events attracting more than 150,000 annually.

Event Summary

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Folsom, CA 95630
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