HAWAI'I SONGWRITING FESTIVAL

DAY 1: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

8:00AM - 8:30AM	**REGISTRATION**			OUTSIDE BALLROOM
8:30AM - 10:00AM	**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** OPENING CEREMONY, MENTOR INTRODUCTION			HAPUNA BALLROOM
10:00AM - 11:30AM	**BREAKOUT SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS** CHECK THE GREEN STICKER ON YOUR BADGE FOR THE LOCATION OF YOUR ASSIGNED WORKSHOP			VARIOUS LOCATIONS
11:30AM - 1:30PM	**LUNCH / OPEN MIC**			IKENA LANDING
1:00PM - 2:00PM	**SPEED MENTORING** CHECK THE GREEN STICKER ON YOUR BADGE FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT PLEASE SHOW UP 5 MIN BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT AND CHECK IN WITH HOSTS			BDROOM B KOA/MILO BREEZEWAY
2:00PM - 2:45PM	**MUSIC INDUSTRY 101*** JULIA BROTMAN	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**THE FOREIGN MONEY YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAVE*** MICHAEL EAMES	HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 5 MIN BREAK			
2:50PM - 3:50PM	**HOW TO GET YOUR SONG IN A SUPER BOWL COMMERCIAL (PART 1)*** JENNIE ARMON, FARNELL NEWTON, NELLIE RAJABI, MARILYNN WEXLER MODERATOR: RYAN WINES	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**ADVANCED PRODUCER SESSIONS** IMUA GARZA, LIZ SHARPE, JOSH STEPHENS MODERATOR: CHAZ UMAMOTO	HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 10 MIN BREAK			
4:00PM - 5:00PM	**USING AI: CAN YOU? SHOULD YOU? AND WHAT TO AVOID*** KRISTIAN BUSH, WENDY DAY, MICHAEL EAMES, BILL MEYER, JERRY WONDA MODERATOR: RICHARD HARRIS	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**COWRITING SESSION: FLY ON THE WALL** NITANEE PARIS, ZACH SORGEN, GARRISON STARR NARRATOR: CHARLES BROTMAN	HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 15 MIN BREAK			
5:15PM - 6:00PM	**ARTIST PLACEMENTS: FINDING HOMES FOR YOUR SONGS*** BAILEY BRYAN, J. LAURYN, AKIRA HORI, ZACH SORGEN, RALPH TORREFRANCA MODERATOR: PAM SHEYNE	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**INDEPENDENT MUSIC DISTRIBUTION*** GREG HOLDEN, FARNELL NEWTON, GARRISON STARR, CHAZ UMAMOTO MODERATOR: KALENA PARISH	HAU/LEHUA
6:00PM - 7:00PM	*DINNER BREAK*			ON OWN
7:00PM - 8:30PM	**SONGWRITING COMPETITION FINALS**			HAPUNA BALLROOM
8:30PM - 10:00PM	**OPEN MIC**			COURTYARD

*** Asterik indicates panels that will be filmed. Recordings will be made available to all attendees at a later date.**

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DAY 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

7:00AM - 8:00AM	COFFEE HOUR w/ CRAFT BREWZ MUSIC					HAU/LEHUA
8:00AM - 8:45AM	**METADATA*** F.M. COSSEY, MICHAEL EAMES, FRANK PALAZZOLO MODERATOR: CHARLES BROTMAN	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**VOCAL PRODUCTION*** JOSH STEPHENS	HAU/LEHUA	**CHILDREN'S MUSIC** J. LAURYN	BREEZEWAY
8:45AM - 9:00AM	GENERAL ASSEMBLY					HAPUNA BALLROOM
9:00AM - 9:45AM	**MARKETING YOURSELF AND YOUR MUSIC*** WENDY DAY	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**TOPLINING DEMONSTRATION** J.LAURYN, BAILEY BRYAN, AND JORDYN DODD	HAU/LEHUA	**HARA AND THE RECORDING ACADEMY*** TIMIE ANN DOLAN, KAINANI KAHAUNAELE, KALENA PARISH	BREEZEWAY
	QUICK 15 MIN BREAK					
10:00AM - 11:30AM	**BREAKOUT SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS** CHECK THE YELLOW STICKER ON YOUR BADGE FOR THE LOCATION OF YOUR ASSIGNED WORKSHOP					VARIOUS LOCATIONS
11:30AM - 1:30PM	**LUNCH / OPEN MIC** **PRESENTED BY SETTLE MEYER LAW**					IKENA LANDING
1:00PM - 2:00PM	**SPEED MENTORING** CHECK THE YELLOW STICKER ON YOUR BADGE FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT PLEASE SHOW UP 5 MIN BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT AND CHECK IN WITH HOSTS					BDROOM B KOA/MILO BREEZEWAY
2:00PM - 2:45PM	**WHAT KIND OF PRODUCER DO I NEED?*** KRISTIAN BUSH, IMUA GARZA, LIZ SHARPE, JOSH STEPHENS, JERRY WONDA MODERATOR: GARRISON STARR	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**THE DOMESTIC MONEY YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAVE*** MICHAEL EAMES AND JAMIE DOMINGUEZ			HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 5 MIN BREAK					
2:50PM - 3:35PM	**WRITING STRONGER SONGS: THE CRAFT OF LYRIC, MELODY, AND RHYTHM*** RICHARD HARRIS AND PAM SHEYNE	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**DON'T SLEEP ON PRODUCTION MUSIC LIBRARIES!*** JC DWYER, NITANEE PARIS, OLIVIA TAPHORN, ADAM ZELKIND MODERATOR: CHARLES BROTMAN			HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 10 MIN BREAK					
3:45PM - 4:45PM	**SHARING CULTURALLY ROOTED MUSIC WITH THE WORLD*** JOHN CRUZ, IMUA GARZA, KAINANI KAHAUNAELE, LEHUA KALIMA, KEN MAKUAKANE, JERRY WONDA // MODERATOR: KALENA PARISH	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**WHAT MAKES MUSIC SYNCABLE?*** JENNIE ARMON, LAVA HONG, JUSTIN KAMPS, FRANK PALAZZOLO, SHANNON PALAZZOLO, AMY ROBERTS MODERATOR: WHITNEY PILZER			HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 15 MIN BREAK					
5:00PM - 6:00PM	**INTERACTIVE COWRITING WORKSHOP** MAELAN ABRAN AND NITANEE PARIS	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**HOW TO GET YOUR SONG IN A SUPER BOWL COMMERCIAL (PART 2)** JENNIE ARMON, FARNELL NEWTON, NELLIE RAJABI, MARILYNN WEXLER MODERATOR: RYAN WINES			HAU/LEHUA
6:00PM - 7:00PM	*DINNER BREAK*					ON OWN
7:00PM - 8:30PM	**HSF SPOTLIGHT SHOWCASE**					HAPUNA BALLROOM
8:30PM - 10:00PM	**OPEN MIC** **PRESENTED BY HENRY KAPONO FOUNDATION**					COURTYARD

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DAY 3: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

8:00AM - 8:45AM	**WHAT MAKES THE LOCAL MUSIC BUSINESS UNIQUE*** JOHN CRUZ, IMUA GARZA, LEHUA KALIMA, KEN MAKUAKANE, KALA'E PARISH, CHAZ UMAMOTO MODERATOR: KALENA PARISH	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**YOU RECORDED THAT IN A BATHTUB?! HOME RECORDING TIPS & TECHNIQUES*** JOSH STEPHENS	HAU/LEHUA	**MUSIC FOR VIDEO GAMES** LAVA HONG, OLIVIA TAPHORN	BREEZEWAY
8:45AM - 9:00AM	**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**					HAPUNA BALLROOM
9:00AM - 9:45AM	**PROTECTING YOURSELF AND YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY*** JULIA BROTMAN, BILL MEYER, SCOTT SETTLE	HAPUNA BALLROOM	**HAKU MELE*** KAINANI KAHAUNAELE	HAU/LEHUA	**K-POP PLACEMENT HUNTERS** J.LAURYN, LIZ SHARPE, ZACH SORGEN	BREEZEWAY
	QUICK 15 MIN BREAK					
10:00AM - 11:30AM	**BREAKOUT SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS** CHECK THE PINK STICKER ON YOUR BADGE FOR THE LOCATION OF YOUR ASSIGNED WORKSHOP					VARIOUS LOCATIONS
11:30AM - 1:30PM	**LUNCH / OPEN MIC**					IKENA LANDING
1:00PM - 2:00PM	**SPEED MENTORING** CHECK THE PINK STICKER ON YOUR BADGE FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT PLEASE SHOW UP 5 MIN BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT AND CHECK IN WITH HOSTS					BDROOM B KOA/MILO BREEZEWAY
2:00PM - 3:00PM	**THE GATEKEEPERS: HOW TO GET YOUR MUSIC REPPED*** AKIRA HORI, FARNELL NEWTON, AMY ROBERTS, LIZ SHARPE, RALPH TORREFRANCA, CHAZ UMAMOTO MODERATOR: SHANNON PALAZZOLO					HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 5 MIN BREAK					
3:05PM - 3:50PM	**PITCH PANEL - PART 1** JENNIE ARMON, AKIRA HORI, FRANK PALAZZOLO, WHITNEY PILZER, AMY ROBERTS, OLIVIA TAPHORN FACILITATORS: KALENA PARISH, CHAZ UMAMOTO, MAELAN ABRAN					HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 10 MIN BREAK					
4:00PM - 5:00PM	**STORIES AND STEMS: A CAREER RETROSPECTIVE WITH JERRY WONDA*** INTERVIEWER: JENN WRIGHT					HAU/LEHUA
	QUICK 15 MIN BREAK *RAFFLE BEFORE THE PANEL STARTS!*					
5:15PM - 6:00PM	**PITCH PANEL - PART 2** LAVA HONG, JUSTIN KAMPS, FARNELL NEWTON, SHANNON PALAZZOLO, LIZ SHARPE, RALPH TORREFRANCA FACILITATORS: NITANEE PARIS, DREW HENMI, JENN WRIGHT					HAU/LEHUA
6:00PM - 7:00PM	*DINNER BREAK*					ON OWN
7:00PM - 10:30PM	**CONCERT** KRISTIAN BUSH, BAILEY BRYAN, JOHN CRUZ, JORDYN DODD, GREG HOLDEN, LEHUA KALIMA, J. LAURYN, ZACH SORGEN, GARRISON STARR					HAPUNA BALLROOM