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**WAIKIKI AQUARIUM ADDS NA HOA TO LINE-UP FOR
KE KANI O KE KAI SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

HONOLULU, HI (July 3, 2013) – The Waikiki Aquarium has announced a change to the line-up for its July 11 Ke Kani O Ke Kai summer concert. Na Hoa, 2013 Na Hoku Hanohano multi-award winner, will replace Darren Benitez, sharing the stage with Mark Yamanaka.

Na Hoa is comprised of Ikaika Blackburn, Halehaku Seabury-Akaka and Keoni Souza. The trio's self-titled debut album won big at this year's Na Hoku Hanohano Awards, winning four awards including Most Promising Artist, Group of the Year, Hawaiian Music Album of the Year and Album of the Year (shared with producer Dave Tucciarone).

As a 2011 Na Hoku Hanohano Award winner, Yamanaka received Album of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, Song of the Year and Most Promising Artist. His debut album release, "Lei Pua Kenikeni," invites listeners to travel back through Yamanaka's Hawaiian boyhood experiences with his baritone voice and classical Hawaiian melodies.

With its local ingredients and varied menu, the Grove will offer a gourmet cuisine sunset picnic for the entire family to enjoy on the Aquarium lawn. Menu items are priced from \$4 to \$12, and include the Grove's famous Warm Brussels Sprouts Salad, Orzo Pasta and Cheese, Sweet Ewa Corn Chowder, Braised Beef Short Ribs with Jasmine Rice and Lomi Salmon Slaw, Greek Chicken with Rice or Mashed Potatoes and Mixed Greens, Kiawe Grilled Vegetable Lasagna with Mixed Greens and Chocolate Haupia Crunch for dessert. No outside food or beverage will be permitted.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the concerts begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at approximately 9:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to explore the Aquarium galleries that remain open throughout the evening.

Tickets are priced at \$45 for adults, \$15 for children aged 7 to 12, and is free for children 6 and under (\$25/\$10 for Friends of Waikiki Aquarium "FOWA" members). Food and beverages will be sold separately at a nominal fee. Due to space limitations; only the first 650 ticket sales will be accepted. Tickets may be purchased online at www.waquarium.org/KKOKK.

Presented by Outrigger Hotels & Resorts, Ke Kani O Ke Kai is also sponsored by Alexander & Baldwin Foundation, Aloha Petroleum, Aqua Hospitality, Armstrong Builders – Armstrong Foundation, Bank of Hawaii, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, Becker Communications, Inc., Beth Chang, Realtor, Cades Schutte, Dr. Curtis Takemoto-Gentile, First Hawaiian Bank, Goodfellow Bros. – General Contractor, Halm's Enterprises, HASR Wine Co., Hawaiian 105 KINE, Hawaiian Airlines, Hawaii Dental Service, Hawai'i Beach Front, Hawai'i USA FCU, Izuo Brothers, Jennifer & Brian Isobe, JMJ Rentals, Inc., King Windward Nissan, Kona Brewing Co., Kualoa, McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Marr Jones & Wang, Michael Rudy, Attorney, Pepsi, Prime Builders of Oahu, Ralph Inouye, Reskyu, Servco Foundation, Surf 4 Hugs, Trinity Properties, LLC, and the Tyson Charitable Foundation.

ABOUT THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM

Founded in 1904 and administered by the University of Hawaii at Manoa since 1919, the Waikiki Aquarium is located on the shoreline of Waikiki Beach next to a living reef and across from Kapiolani Park. The Aquarium – third oldest in the U.S. – showcases more than 500 marine species, and maintains more than 3,500 marine specimens. Public exhibits, education programs and research focus on the unique aquatic life of Hawaii and the tropical Pacific.

The Aquarium welcomes more than 320,000 visitors annually, and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Honolulu Marathon Sunday and Christmas Day. Admission is \$9 for visitors; \$6 for local residents, active duty military with ID, students with ID and seniors; \$4 for youths ages 13-17 and persons with disabilities; \$2 for juniors ages 5 to 12; and free for children 4 and under and Friends of Waikiki Aquarium (FOWA) members. For more information about the Waikiki Aquarium, including membership, please call 808-923-9741 or visit www.waquarium.org.

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