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WALEA TO RELEASE DEBUT ALBUM "LEI PĀPAHI" ON DECEMBER 31, 2021

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Hawaiian music band "Walea" announced the release of their debut album entitled "*Lei Pāpahi*" to be available for purchase on Friday, December 31, 2021. This project is being released by Walea Music LLC and distributed digitally worldwide by Tunecore. Physical copies of the album will be sold at www.waleamusic.com, Na'au Pono Physical Therapy and at additional limited storefronts. "*Lei Pāpahi*" was recorded in 2021 at Zeo Music (Honolulu, HI) and Blue Planet Studios (Honolulu, HI).

"*Lei Pāpahi*" marks the first album for Walea musicians: Kū Koanui-Souza (*ukulele/vocals*), Kings Kalohelani (*upright bass/vocals*) and Kekoa Woodward (*guitar/vocals*). There are 14 songs presented on the album - 6 of which are original compositions. Some of the composers featured on this album include: *Jonah H. Akaka, Keith K. Akana, Kū Koanui-Souza, Kings Kalohelani* and *Desi Nu'uhiwa Koanui-Souza*.

ALBUM INFORMATION

The album "*Lei Pāpahi*" can be described as "*old school Hawaiian music with a new school sound.*" Keeping to the genre of Hawaiian Music - Walea was very diligent in selecting their album name to reflect their musical style and song repertoire - as described below.

"A *lei pāpahi* is defined as several lei fashioned together to create a unique and elegant adornment. It is a symbol of love, friendship, and honor. Mele Hawai'i are in itself a lei that have been composed through the use of well gathered words to convey meaning and portray a story. These stories tell of the 'āina, kānaka, moments in history and cherished memories. This debut album is our *lei pāpahi* for each and every loved one, friend, kumu, mentor - and person who has an interest in Hawaiian music. We have gathered some songs of old Hawai'i and strung up a few new compositions to add to the precious waihona of mele Hawai'i. It is our hope that you will enjoy this *lei pāpahi* just as much as we have enjoyed making it. E walea kākou!"

TRACKLIST

1. Walea **
2. Kīpuka Maluhia **
3. He Inoa No Kawaiiani
4. Ku'u Lei Pua Kenikeni **
5. Ko'olau Waltz **
6. 'O Kahakuohawai'i Lā He Inoa
7. Ka'alaea
8. Waimānalo Ku'u Home Aloha **
9. Keiki No Punalu'u
10. Lei Kiele (Feat. Raiatea Helm)
11. Pearl Harbor
12. Hānaiakalehuamamo **
13. Myrtle K. Hilo Medley (Will You Love Me? / Myrtle K. Hilo Hula)
14. Na Iehova Nō I Hana

(**) denotes an original composition



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