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**HAWAIIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME PRESENTS ‘KA HIMENI ANA’
26TH ANNUAL HAWAIIAN MUSIC COMPETITION
*Contestant Submissions Now Being Accepted***

The HAWAIIAN MUSIC HALL OF FAME is proud to announce the 26th Annual “Ka Himeni Ana” Hawaiian music competition on Friday, September 10th, at the Hawaii Theatre in Honolulu.

Ka Himeni Ana, founded by Richard M. Towill, features amateur Hawaiian music groups performing in the “nahenahe” style, the distinctive Hawaiian music form that features sweet vocal harmony supported by unamplified acoustic instruments.

Applications and recordings will be reviewed by the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame and contestants selected from the applications received on or before June 30th.

Ka Himeni Ana rules:

1. Competition is open to amateur Hawaiian music groups containing 2 – 5 members (no solo acts).
2. At least half of the group must perform with and play an instrument.
3. Instruments shall be “acoustic”—no electric or amplified instruments, except Hawaiian steel guitar may be electric and use a small amplifier.
4. No microphones are allowed for instruments or vocals.
5. Contestants will be judged on the quality of their vocal harmony, use of Hawaiian language, and overall musicianship.
6. Song selections must be restricted to compositions authored prior to 1945, or if post 1945 or new original composition, shall be in the “nahenahe” style.
7. Although First Place winning groups may not enter subsequent contests, individual singers may participate as members of other groups.

Contestants vie for 6 cash prizes ranging from \$200 to \$1,200 and an exclusive recording contract with Hula Records.

To apply as a contestant, groups (no solo acts) with 2 – 5 members must submit a Ka Himeni Ana contestant information form and a cassette tape or CD recording to: Hawaii Pacific Entertainment, P. O. Box 30337, Honolulu, HI 96820. Or, drop it off at 1221 Kapiolani Blvd. Roof Deck Suite #6A-1, Honolulu, HI 96814. Mark it: Attention: Umma Kayvalyam/Ka Himeni Ana 2010. For questions or more information, please call Umma at (808)237-3675 or e-mail umma@hawaiipacificentertainment.com. Contestant submission deadline is June 30th.

Mission Statement of the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame: To promote, preserve and perpetuate Hawaiian music and hula by celebrating the achievements of significant individuals and groups.

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