

EDB Committee

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Subject: Mahalo EDB

Aloha Keani, Kelly and Maui County Supporters,

As a direct beneficiary of E Kūpa'a Kākou, I would like to say mahalo.

In these challenging times, for you to highlight and employ Maui artists and Halau is a stroke of genius. As the sector that brings Maui Pride and aloha to the Universe, our entertainers and Cultural practitioners have had their livelihood stripped away.

Your creation of E Kupaa Kākou celebrates their accomplishments. This year 2020, Merrie Monarch has been cancelled, concerts, ho'olaule'a, Luau, Large gatherings are no more, and rightfully so. We are concerned with our People's health.

Na Hoku Hanohano 2020 with the most Maui artists I have Seen in a while, will be Virtual. E Kūpa'a Kākou features artists that have been nominated, Halau that would have gone to Merrie Monarch, we are still #mauinuistrong.

I has been and will be my privilege to be the Emcee of this One Of A Kind Event. Only Maui can,

Maui No Ka Oi.....forever,

L. Alaka'i Paleka

Emcee