

**News from Napili Kai  
Foundation  
March – May 2011**



In an effort to continue a cross-promotion of the Foundation with guests of Napili Kai, the Foundation Board began a new offering on March 1st. This three-month trial program offers our Tuesday night show “complimentary” to guests of Napili Kai, while continuing to encourage donations from all attendees. Guests to our show also receive a free Caesar salad coupon and a “kids eat free” coupon for use at the Sea House. This has been very well received by all attendees.

This new program was very successful during the high volume spring break period and introduced our show to many new guests along Napili Bay. Tickets continue to be sold to outside guests. Guests from both Napili Kai and other properties have been very excited about our show and we hope this will bring us continued great attendance. For our keiki this has been very positive, since they are now performing to full houses, which increases the excitement and encourages fabulous performances and smiling faces.



**Annual Maui Plein Air Painting Invitational**

Excitement was definitely in the air when the Foundation was asked to volunteer one of our keiki as a model in this yearly event on the West Side. What a difficult decision that would have been.....however, Kumu Kathy and President Lou Ross, simply placed the names of our members in a hat and blindly chose our representative, Jaela Naha, daughter of long time Napili Kai employee, Jason Naha.



Plein air artists have just two hours to complete a painting from start to finish, while onlookers have the opportunity to watch the magic develop. Billyo O'Donnell, acclaimed plein air painter from Missouri, captured the essence of Hawaiian culture as seen through the presence of a young girl dressed in traditional hula attire. Billyo created an impressive image of Ho'oipo (Jaela). The original oil painting was auctioned at the end of the event and was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Gunars Valkirs of Kapalua. As a gesture of aloha and philanthropy, the Valkirs then, surprisingly, presented the painting to Ho'oipo and her family, who were in attendance. An incredibly moving experience for all in attendance.



The evening was sponsored by the West Maui Cultural Council

and took place at the Village Cafe & Sweet Shoppe in Kapalua.

The Foundation received a portion of the sale price as a donation, and permission from the artist to make a copy of the portrait.

**Our Keiki On the Road**

The Foundation was again asked to perform as an opening act on Saturday, April 9 for the Willie K. and Friends Concert at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center (MACC).



The MACC has recently opened their new pavilion and our keiki and musicians performed to a very appreciative crowd.



This open-air venue, with the mountains in the background, and theatre patrons in a dinner seating arrangement, provided for another wonderful experience for our keiki. And they responded with a magnificent performance and a standing ovation.

