

2017 HAWAII INVITATIONAL *of Polo*

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**A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS WITH
“DIONNE WARWICK & FRIENDS”
HAWAII POLO LIFE AND AMBLVD RECORDS
TO PRODUCE BENEFIT CONCERT
THE KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT HAWAII INVITATIONAL OF POLO 2017
Saturday, September 14-17, 2017**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HI (September 7, 2017). Chris Dawson, Founder of the Hawaii International Polo Association (HIPA) together with Jason Lent, President and Lead Creative of AMBLVD Records are thrilled to announce multi Grammy award-winning artist and music legend, **DIONNE WARWICK** to headline *The Kahala Hotel & Resort Hawaii Invitational of Polo 2017* post-match concert on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Waimanalo Polo Field. Billed as “A Night Under The Stars With Dionne Warwick & Friends,” the unprecedented concert will follow the flagship all-star polo match at the Honolulu Polo Club starting at 6:00PM. Special guest artists include Warwick’s son, **Damon Elliott**, a Grammy award-winning artist, producer and American R&B Singer and Grammy award-winning artist, **Mýa**.

For tickets, VIP packages and more information on *The Kahala Hotel & Resort Hawaii Invitational of Polo 2017* please visit: <http://www.hawaiipololife.com/>. General Admission tickets begin at \$50 and VIP tickets for the Kahala experience are \$250 per person. Guests must arrive to the Waimanalo Polo Field concert venue by 4:00 p.m. and before gates close to enjoy the concert.

For tickets, VIP packages and more information on *The Kahala Hotel & Resort, Hawaii Invitational of Polo* please visit: <http://www.hawaiipololife.com/>. General Admission tickets begin at \$50. Guests for the concert, must arrive to the Waimanalo Polo Field concert venue by 4:00 p.m. before gates close.

Saturday - September 16, 2017

- FLAGSHIP ALL-PRO MATCH: Hawaii Invitational of Polo
- Waimanalo Polo Field, Home of the Honolulu Club
- 11:00am – Gates Open for EAT THE STREET and Polo Match
- 3:00pm – 6:00pm Main Event
- 4:00pm – “A Night Under The Stars With Dionne Warwick & Friends” seating opens
- 6:00pm – 10:00pm Concert and After Party
- Watch this high-octane match from the comfort of your front row seat. Enjoy a day on the polo field dressed in your best country couture. Join emcees, Mahealani Richardson and Kaiki Ragragola at what has been described as, “The Most Exciting and Historic day of Polo in Hawaii.”

TICKETS:

- General Admission Lauhala Lawn: \$25
- General Admission: \$50
- VIP Kahala Experience (includes drink, food and preferred concert seating): \$250 per person
- Off-site parking available at Waimanalo Elementary School, Waimanalo Health Center and Waimanalo State Recreational Park with Shuttle service running every 15 minutes.
- EAT THE STREET & Beer Garden available to general admission guests featuring: Waimanalo Country Farms Lemonade, Ko’olau Burger Company, No Ka Oi Ice-Cream Sandwiches, Snack Addicted Beef Chips, Cookies by C, Quezada’s and many more!
- Tickets available at <http://www.hawaiipololife.com/>

“A Night Under The Stars With Dionne Warwick & Friends”

ARTIST BIOS

Dionne Warwick is an American singer, actress and television show host, who became a United Nations Global Ambassador for the Food and Agriculture Organization, and a United States Ambassador of Health.

Having been in a partnership with songwriters Burt Bacharach and Hal David, Warwick ranks among the 40 biggest hit makers of the entire rock era, based on the Billboard Hot 100 Pop Singles Charts. She is second only to Aretha Franklin as the most-charted female vocalist of all time, with 56 of Warwick's singles making the Billboard Hot 100 between 1962 and 1998 and 80 singles making all Billboard charts combined.

Warwick’s hits include “Don’t Make Me Over,” “Anyone Who Had A Heart,” “Walk On By,” “Do You Know The Way To San Jose,” “Alfie,” “Say A Little Prayer,” “That’s What Friends Are For” and many more. She continues to perform all over the world alongside her son, Damon Elliott.

Damon Elliott aka NOMAD is an award-winning producer, composer and arranger. His work crosses multiple genres of music, including R&B, gospel, hip-hop, rock, and country to name a few.

He has worked with some of the industry's biggest names such as Beyoncé, Destiny's Child, Pink, Gwen Stefani, Christina Aguilera, Jessica Simpson, Mýa, Britney Spears, Macy Gray, and Deana Carter.

Throughout his career, he has garnered over 150 million record sales, and has earned 7 Grammy nominations, winning one for his rendition of "Lady Marmalade" in Baz Luhrmann's movie, *Moulin Rouge*. He is also the founder and president of Confidential Records and the Damon Elliott Music Group (DEMG, LLC).

NOMAD was born on October 25th, 2016, as an act of rebirth after surviving a heart attack. In his new life, he realized his calling to help people and to guide them towards an awakened state. NOMAD is a healer who loves sound baths, meditation, setting intentions, and believes in the power of crystals.

Mýa Marie Harrison is an American recording artist, songwriter, and actress. Born into a musical family, she signed with Interscope Records in 1998 and released her eponymous debut album the same year. The album was a commercial success in the United States and produced the top ten single "It's All About Me." Her second album, *Fear Of Flying*, was released in 2000 and became a worldwide success, boosted by the success of its second single, "Case Of The Ex." In 2002, Harrison won a Grammy Award in the category for Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals for her rendition of Patti Labelle's 1975 hit, "Lady Marmalade," with Pink, Christina Aguilera and Lil' Kim. Aside from her successful music career, Harrison also branched out into acting making her feature-film debut in 1999's thriller, *In Too Deep*, starring LL Cool J and Omar Epps. She continued to score supporting roles in films such as *Chicago*, *Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights*, *Shall We Dance*, and *Cursed*. Harrison's contribution to music has earned her many accolades in the fields of Pop and R&B music categories. In 2009, *Billboard* listed Mýa as one of their Hot 100 Artists of the 2000s, placing her in the 97th position. As of October 2009, she has sold over 50 million albums worldwide. As a philanthropist, Mýa continues to devote her time and resources to various causes. From 1998 to 2001, she became the spokesperson for *Secret to Self Esteem*. In 2005, Mýa founded TMATF: The Mýa Arts & Tech Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing disadvantaged youth growth and opportunity through arts & technology education, in which she serves as both executive director and teacher.

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Applauded as one of Hawaii's most sophisticated annual sporting events, ***The Kahala Hotel & Resort Hawaii Invitational of Polo 2017 Presented by Cartier*** will bring together the best of the best from the world's leading polo associations, entertainment, fashion, gastronomy, spirits and much more. This world-class Invitational is the vision and passion of Christopher Dawson, Founder of the Hawaii International Polo Association, (HIPA), and Hawaii Polo Life apparel brand (HPL). Dawson is a prominent Native Hawaiian and business leader and an avid horseman and polo player who served on the Board of the United States Polo Association for more than 10-years. While serving on the national board, he had a unique opportunity to participate in the marketing, branding, and merchandising of polo sport on global scale while simultaneously bringing it to life here in Hawaii.

STAYCATION PACKAGE:

“The Hawaii Invitational of Polo Premier Package at the Kahala” 4-Night VIP Package: September 13-17, 2017

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- One Bedroom Suite or run of Ocean accommodations (4 rate packages)
- Opening Press-VIP reception 9/14 (Kahala)
- Hi Polo Invitational match: 9/16 (Waimanalo)
- Post VIP Awards Brunch (Kahala)
- Transfers to and from Waimanalo
- Total F&B/Ticket price for inclusion: three events: welcome reception, event hospitality and awards brunch
 - Ocean View - \$3,600
 - Oceanfront - \$4,000
 - Scenic View Suite - \$5,200
 - Oceanfront Suite - \$6,000

Proceeds from ***The Kahala Hotel & Resort Hawaii Invitational of Polo 2017*** will benefit the 501-3© Hawaii International Polo Association's mission:

1. Celebrate polo's unique history in Hawaii dating back to 1880.
2. Establish an Equine retirement program for polo ponies.
3. Develop Hawaii's at-risk youth via horsemanship clinics.

“This year, HIPA is honored to welcome The Kahala Hotel and Resort as Title Sponsor. The Kahala has a unique history in Hawaii Polo through the resort's development partner, Charlie Pietsch, a local polo player who built his dream ranch on O'ahu's North Shore, Sunset Ranch. This exciting partnership celebrates our mutual rich histories and contributions to community life in Hawaii, and we look forward to working closely together for many years to come.” said Chris Dawson. “The Kahala will host the visiting professional polo players and offer an outstanding three-day experience for selected VIP guests and clients. The Kahala will also provide travel packages for International Polo Aficionados who will be traveling to Hawaii to attend the Hawaii Invitational.”

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About The Kahala Hotel & Resort

The legendary Kahala Hotel & Resort is an oceanfront, destination luxury property known for its gracious Hawaiian hospitality. Located just minutes from Waikīkī, The Kahala offers an exclusive ambiance of a neighbor island experience. The Kahala has been Honolulu's social address for weddings and gatherings since its opening in 1964. World leaders, royalty, rock bands and Oscar winners call the 338-room resort their Hawaiian home-away-from-home. The Kahala is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and Preferred Hotels & Resorts. The resort is home to *The Kahala Spa*, lush tropical gardens and a natural ocean-water lagoon with the hotel's own resident dolphins cared for by *Dolphin Quest*. The Kahala also has five restaurants: *Plumeria Beach House*, *Seaside Grill*, *The Veranda*, *Arancino* and the award-winning *Hoku's* restaurant. Stay connected with The Kahala via www.kahalaresort.com, on Instagram at kahala_resort or on Facebook at The Kahala Hotel & Resort and Twitter at @KahalaResort. Share your Kahala moment #AtTheKahala.

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ABOUT JASON LENT - LED & AMBLVD RECORDS

Born and raised in Hawaii, and a Kamehameha Schools graduate, Jason Lent has used his talents to bring himself to the forefront of success in various industries. Today, as President and Lead Creative of Lent Enterprises Digital (LED), he has successfully transformed the company originally founded by his father, Steve Lent, over a decade ago, into Hawaii's fastest growing digital marketing agency. Lent combines his business acumen learned from the entertainment world to not only concept brilliant campaigns and commercial jingles, but is also leading the way in Hawaii's changing digital advertising landscape. Inspired by both his successful businessman Father and talented Hula dancing Mother, Lent also brings his vast experience in the music industry to create AMBLVD Records, a full service record label and artist management company. He has employed a multigenerational and talented team who work together to create the growing infrastructure of both Lent Enterprises Digital and AMBLVD Records.

About Hawaii International Polo Association

The Hawaii International Polo Association was founded in 2013. The most reputable polo players in Hawaii serve as advisors and ambassadors, each with more than 20-years of polo experience and contributions to Hawaii. This Association not only celebrates the rich history of polo in Hawaii, but also assures that the next century is even more spectacular. Our challenge now is to ensure polo's place in Hawaii for generations to come. Toward this goal, Hawaii Polo Productions was created to identify unique venues, produce world-class polo events and showcase individual and collective talents. Hawaii should be showcasing world-class polo. In doing so, we celebrate our rich history of polo in the Hawaiian Islands, dating back to 1880 during the reign of our King David Kalakaua, while promoting polo for future generations.

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