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#### **THE KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT HONORS DANNY KALEIKINI**

The resort dedicates its front drive in his name

HONOLULU, January 28, 2022— On Wednesday, The Kahala Hotel & Resort dedicated its front drive to honor Danny Kaleikini and his historical role and contributions as “Hawai‘i’s Ambassador of Aloha.” Kaleikini had an unprecedented 30-year residency at The Kahala, entertaining audiences around the world by infusing outstanding musical performances with culture, humor and the aloha spirit.

As part of the dedication, the resort welcomed Kaleikini back to the stage at Plumeria Beach House for a special performance. Hawai‘i Lieutenant Governor Josh Green, Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi and Hawai‘i State Senator Donna Mercado Kim shared remarks at the celebration.

To mark this historic occasion, The Kahala donated a portion of proceeds from the evening to the Danny Kaleikini Foundation, a nonprofit Kaleikini established in 1983 to help local organizations provide services to the people of Hawai‘i.

“It’s been 25 years since Danny last delighted audiences from around the world here at The Kahala. As the next generation of leadership and first native-Hawaiian to lead this resort, I wanted him to remain a special part of our mo‘olelo and ‘ohana,” said Joe Ibarra, general manager of The Kahala Hotel & Resort. “Danny has and continues to do amazing work perpetuating Hawaiian language, music and culture, and I have heard countless great stories from our guests and local community about how Danny has touched their lives. We are forever grateful to Danny for sharing his aloha with so many.”

Kaleikini started performing nightly in 1967 at the newly opened hotel’s Hala Terrace, now known as Plumeria Beach House. He performed for some of the biggest names in the world during his residency, from U.S. presidents to royal dignitaries.

#### **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](http://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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