

Kūpaoa

Līhau & Kellen

At-A-Glance

Husband and wife duo, Kellen and Līhau Paik, have been performing as the duet, Kūpaoa, for 18 years. During this time, they have been honored to receive multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano awards for their releases including: Most Promising Artist (2009), Best Liner Notes (2010 and 2020), Island Music Album of the Year (2014), Best Hawaiian Language Performance (2014), and Christmas Album of the Year (2015). The title track of their 2013 album, Bumbye, written by Dr. Puakea Nogelmeier, was awarded the coveted Haku Mele award for best Hawaiian language composition of the year in 2014. Kellen was also awarded the same prestigious award in 2009 for a song he composed with friend, Iokepa Badis, that Kūpaoa recorded on their debut album.

In 2019, Kūpaoa released their 8th album, Ka Lei Moana, an eclectic mix of songs that celebrates the connectedness of all things. The album will join the couple's other albums, all performed in their soothing signature style. As life-long students of the Hawaiian language, both Kellen and Līhau enjoy composing and performing their own original songs, in addition to the time-honored favorites that are loved by all. The word Kūpaoa describes a lasting, permeating fragrance and it is the couple's hope that their music will linger with you, infusing your heart and mind long after their performance is through.

For more information about this award-winning band, including full discographies, booking, and contact info, please visit their website: www.kupaoa.com.

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