## COME CELEBRATE 65 YEARS OF LOVE FOR HULA HONORING

# UNCLE GEORGE NAOPE





## TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON

AT THE SHERATON WAIKIKI BALLROOM ON MARCH 1, 1992 CRAFTS & MUSIC 9:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m.

(NO HOST COCKTAIL)

LUNCHEON BUFFET

**ENTERTAINMENT** 

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

TICKETS ON SALE AT \$30.00 PER PERSON (10 PER TABLE)
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

Polly Grace Phone: 696-7138 or 696-0995

Netti Tiffany Phone: 682-4438 'Iwalani Tseu Phone: 623-6776



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#### ALOHA!

I would like to invite you to join us to celebrate the 65th birthday of Uncle George Naope on Sunday, March 1st at the Waikiki Sheraton Hotel. This testimonial luncheon will give us the opportunity to pay tribute to a special person who has touched our lives with his generous sharing of his love and knowledge of the Hawaiian culture.

Although you may have already been contacted by Iwalani Tseu, I am pleased to offer my kokua to disseminate the attached information about the forthcoming luncheon to the friends of Uncle George.

Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased at the Hula Supply Center or you may call Iwalani and committee members for more information. A limited amount of tickets are also available at the KPC&A office on a cash basis during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays.

We hope you will be able to come and celebrate this joyous occasion with Uncle George. Hope to see you there.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Jan M. Itagaki

Director

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attach.

### Ano ai Na Kumu, Na 'Ohana, a me Na Hoaloha!

On Sunday March 1,1992, we're having a celebration at the Waikiki Sheraton, Hawai'i Ballroom. This event will honor the 65th birthday of a Living Treasure, Composer and Master of Hula and Chant, Uncle George Naope.

He has enlightened and touched the lives of so many in Hawai'i and through out the world, Hula has made an impact on our lives physically, emotionally, and spiritually. And we honor one who exemplifies that combination of characteristics that are nurtured by this special person. Uncle George shares his love, for this art form, unconditionally, uniting Na Po'e Hawai'i through Hula.

We are honoring Uncle George while he is here with us to enjoy this Tribute of Aloha for the mana'o and generous spirit and ike as a Hula Master and Living Treasure.

We are asking your kokua and expertise for this event, with your efforts it will be a great success. Please come and join us on a committee and /or as chairperson on one of the following:

ticket sales	decorations	set up/centerpieces
Programs	Publicity	entertainment
Favors	Leis	reception and seating

People to contact:

Iwalani Tseu623-6776Nellie Tiffany682-4438Polly Grace696-7138

Tickets: \$30.00 Program: 9:00 - 11:30 am Music and Craft (no host 12:00 - 1:30 pm Luncheon cocktails)

12:00 - 3:00 pm Entertainment

Mahalo a nui loa,

Iwalani Tseu



A Testimonial Luncheon for GEORGE LANAKILAKEKIAHIALI'I NA'OPE will be held on March 1, 1992 at the Sheraton - Waikiki, Hawai'i Ballroom. Uncle George as he is affectionately known, is being honored for his contributions as a Chanter, Singer, Dancer, Teacher, Recording Artist, Founder of the most renowned hula competition the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival of Hilo, Hawai'i, King Kalakaua Invitational Hula Festival of Kona; Co-chairing in the establishment of the Queen Liliuokalani Keiki Hula Competition of Oahu and volunteering his expertise as a hula consultant for the Hula Pakahi at the Maui Inter-continental Hotel.

#### I. TRAINING:

- 1. Raised by grandparents, Harry K. Na'ope, founder-director of Haili Church Choir, Hilo, Hawai'i and Malia Na'ope, who started him in Hula when 3 years old.
- 2. Mary Keli'ikekuewa Ahi'ena Kanaele Fuji'i teaching the foundations and basics.
- 3. Anna Kahalelehua Notley Hall, who he studied chanting.
- 4. Joseph Keali'iakamoku Ilala'ole, 9 years.
- 5. Jennie Wilson where he learned Hula Auana, also studied with Antone Kao'o, 'Iolani Luahine, Lokalia Montgomery, and uniki from Tom Hiona.

#### II. CAREER:

- 1. Taught chant and hula kahiko to Ray Kinney's dancers, 1941.
- 2. Traveled with Ray Kinney to Canada and U.S., with long appearances at Hotel Lexington, New York.
- 3. Recorded 78's and 45's on 49th State Records, both mele hula and ancient chants.
- 4. Consultant, performer and Kumu Hula for Aloha Week Programs during 1950's.
- 5. Kumu Hula at Hilo, Hawai'i, Late 1950's to date, including Halau o Lanakila at big island's Kulani Prison, 1979-80.

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- 6. Started Merrie Monarch Hula Festival 1971.
- Started the King Kalakaua Invitational Hula Festival of Kona; having Kupuna and Keiki divisions.
- 8. Kumu hula at the Kamehameha-Ka'ahumanu Housing Community Hall under the auspicious of Kalihi Palama Culture & Arts Society, Inc. 1975.
- 9. Co-chairing in the establishment of Queen Liliuokalani Keiki Hula Competition of Oahu. 9/11/76.
- 10. Has conducted hula seminars in Canada, Continental U.S., Japan and here at home in Hawai'i.
- 11. Has volunteered his time in judging Hula Festival Competions in:
  Hilo, Hawai'i; Merrie Monarch Hula Festival
  Honolulu, Hawai'i; Queen Liliuokalani Keiki Hula Competition
  Kona, Hawai'i; King Kalakaua Invitational Hula Festival.
  Hayward, California; Ia 'Oe E Ka La Hula Festival
  Las Vegas, Nevada; Ka La Hula Ho'okuku
  San Jose, California; Onipa'a

I am requesting on behalf of the testimonial committee a message from you for Kumu Hula George Lanakilakekiahiali'i Na'ope. Your message will be read and presented to him at the time of his Testimonial Luncheon.

Thank you for your kind attention towards this matter. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Please mail your message to:

George Na'ope Testimonial

C/O Earl Pa Mai Tenn 3006 Pualei Circle #310 Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96815

Phone: 923-3938

By February 21, 1992.

O Ka Maluhia No Me 'Oe Peace Be With You