

## Kamalei Sataraka



## Kumu Hula

Kamalei Miller knew that hula would be a vital part of her life when she took her first hula lesson from Sally Kamalani at the age of three. What she didn't know is that it would take her around the world.

It was because of her father that she started to study the hula. George Miller, a pilot stationed in Hawaii during World War II, fell in love with the songs of Harry Owens, especially "Sweet Leilani." He promised himself that if he ever had a daughter, she would learn to dance to his favorite melodies. So Kamalei, the second child of seven and eldest daughter, was enrolled in class almost as soon as she could walk.

"From the time I took my first steps, it just felt natural. It must be in my blood," says the well known hula instructor.

When Kamalei was five and studying with Emma Bishop, her career on stage was launched. Students danced for tourists at the Waikiki Bandstand. "Those were the days of strands and strands of paper leis, long muu-muus, and the tourist throwing money. I remember scooping it up and giving it all to my mother," she recalls.

Shortly after Kamalei turned seven, she began to study with the late John Pilani Watkins and also made her television debut on the Chubby Rawlins "Just Kids" Show. Her exceptional talent was recognized and, at the age of eight, she became a regular solo performer on Saturday mornings.

Through her association with Watkins, her performance schedule began to include regular appearances on Lucky Luck's T.V. show and at Don the Beachcomer, then located at the International Market Place.

It was here that she was "ciscovered" by June Taylor, dancer, choreographer, and founder of The June Taylor Dancers who performed on the Jackie Gleason Show and Dean Martin Show in the early 1960s.

This introduction resulted in 30 of Watkins' students travelling to New York for two summers and performing in "Paradise Island" at Jones Beach Amphitheatre on Long Island. Kamalei was

Upon her return from New York, she opened her first halau. Teaching was as natural as dancing for the 15 year old. In addition to her scholastic studies at Stevenson Intermediate and Roosevelt, and performing with John Watkins, she soon had 40 hula students of her own.

Kamalei's innate talent for comic hula became more evident and more refined. She was the featured dancer performing "Hene Hene Ko Aka" and "Hilo Hattie's Cha Cha Cha" and was given the nickname "Cha-Cha." It was during this time that Hilo Hattie's husband saw her dance these numbers. The next thing Kamalei knew, she was Hilo Hattie's protege, dancing with her show at the Canoe House for the next two years.

Wanting to try her hand at creating her own show, she got together with four other girls and two boys. She choreographed and staged an entire Polynesian revue. Again, Kamalei excelled. Her group, which never had an official name, was soon booked for engagements in Canada, Japan, Europe, Africa, and South America.

Actually, 18 year-old Samalei didn't get to Africa. The got married to Peter Sutaraka instead. Peter, a Samoan fire-knife dancer with Watkins, first met Kamalei when she was only 11. Sataraka was 20. "I thought he was a nice man. There were seven children in our family and he was over at our house helping to take care of the younger children," she says. The initial affection turned into love. The two have been married for 20 years and are parents of 12-year-old Blair, a 6th grader at Punahou.

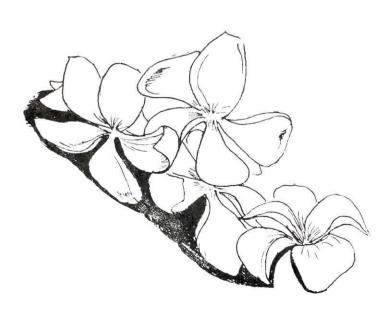
Encouraged by her husband, she continued to perform and teach, opening Hui 'O Kamalei on the corner of Kapiolani and Ward in 1976. Last year, she moved to her present location at 1248 Kona Street, Her philosophy for teaching is simple, "If a student has the desire to learn, I will teach them," she firmly states. This is evident by the fact that her students, male and female, range in age from 3 to 65 years. She also doesn't see nationality as a hindrance to dancing professionally, "I recently returned from a very successful trip to Japan and three of the girls had green eyes and light brown hair. Dancing is more than the way you look, it's the way you feel. The real talent comes from within."

Because of her extensive show business background, Kamalei realizes that dance can be an avenue for travelling all over the world, but only if one is skilled in all diser plines of Polynesian dance. This is one reason she offers classes as a package that includes hula kahiko (ancient), hula awana (modern), Tahitian, Maori, and Samoan, "Even if a student has no desire to dance professionally, I still feel it's important to the growth of the complete dancer to at least be familiar with the dances of neighboring cultures."

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# Hui 'O Kamalei

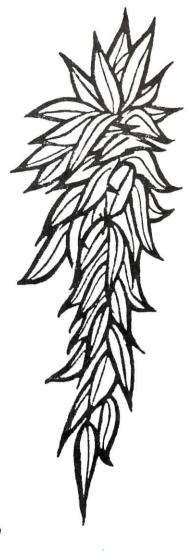




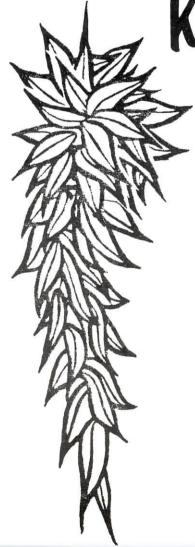
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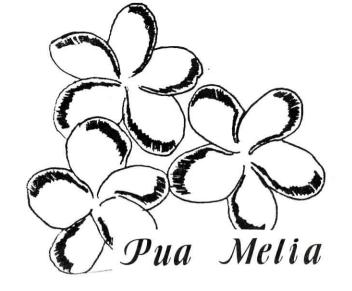


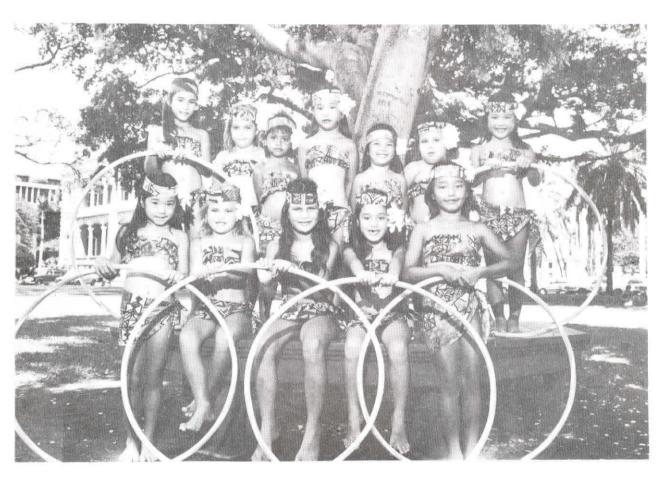
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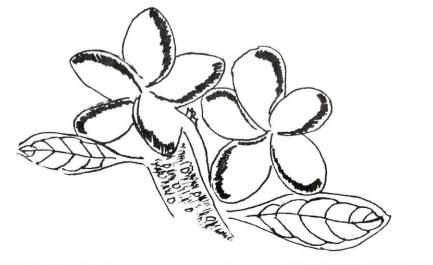


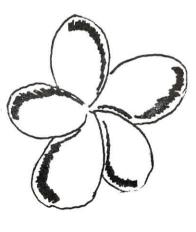
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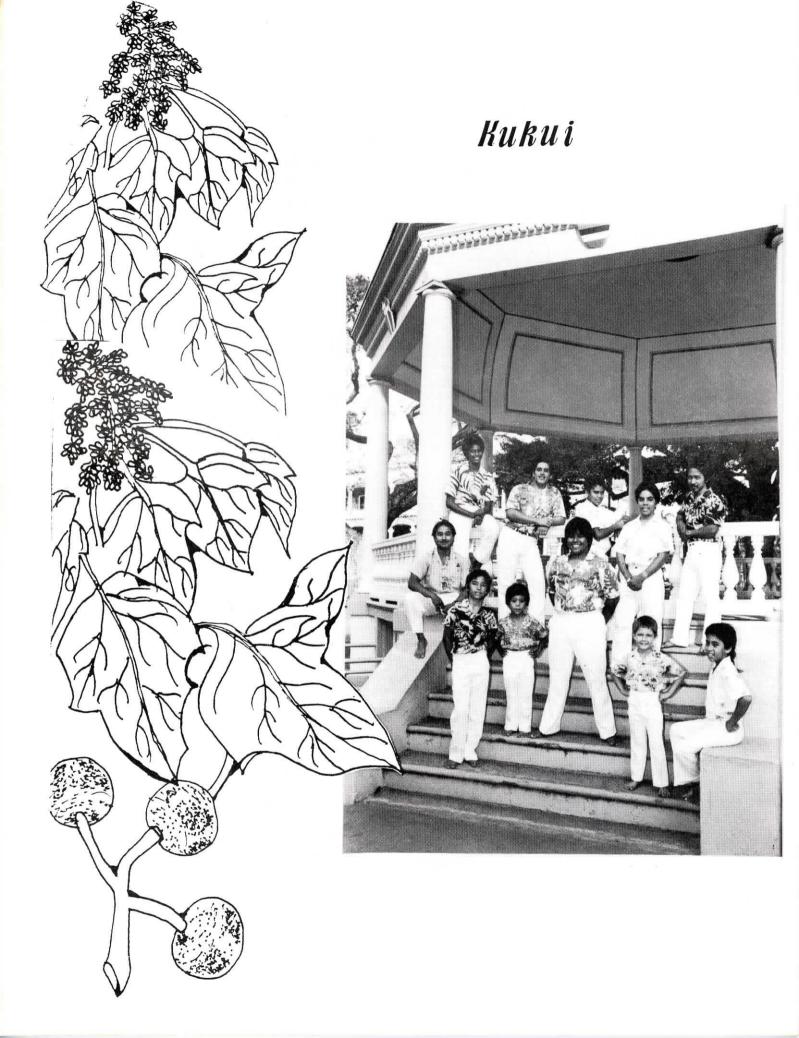












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### Concert

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Let There Be Hawaii

Ke Ha'a Lā Puna

Kalakaua Medley

Manu 0'0

Eia Lā Talani

Ulei Pahu

Iesu Chant

Hua Ka'i Kaua A Pai'ea/Ka Na'i Nui

Oh Akua

Hapa Haole Hula Girl

Puka Pants

#### 'Auana Fast Medley

Pupu A'O Ewa...Pua Iliahi...Hui E...Henehene Koaka...Kaimana Hila...
Ka Ua Loku...Kilakila O Halekala...Makawao...Manu Ula Ula.......
Ho'okipa Hawai'i...Na Ale O Ni'ihau...Kapilimehana...Ka Ulu Wehi O Ke Kai..
Ka La'i 'Ōpua...Hale I Kokomo...Maunawili...A 'Oia...Kaulana Kaua'i.
Ka'a'ahi Kahului...War Chant...Hanohano Hawai'i.

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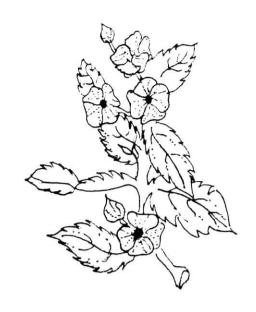
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<u>MAORI</u>	Kamate	
	E 'Auwe	
	Hoki Mai/Koto Iwi/Uia Mai	
	Poi Balls	
	Kiss Me Love/He Aloha Mele	
<u>SAMOAN</u>		<u>SAMOAN</u>
	Fala 'Ula E/Lapalapa	
	Siva <b>A</b> fi	
	Funky Hula	
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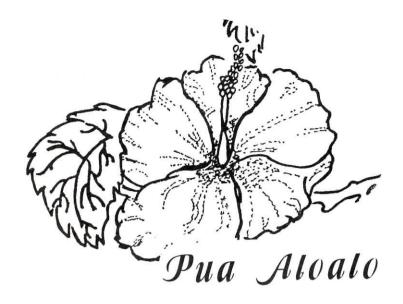


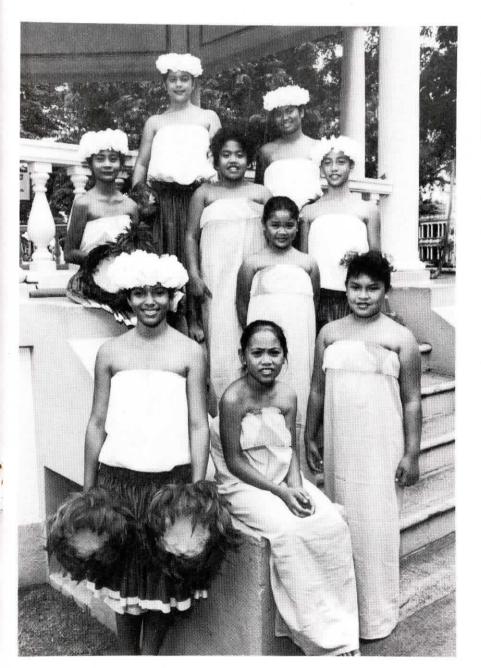














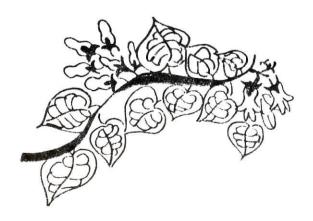






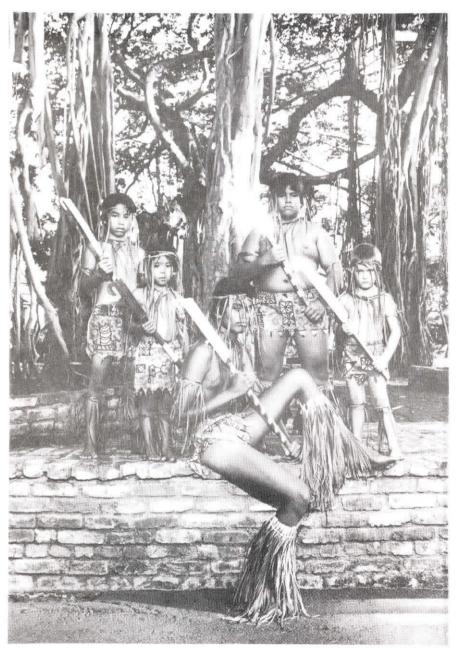


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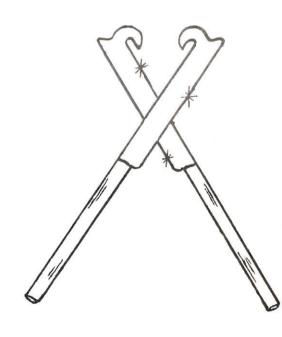




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#### PARTICIPATING DANCERS

ABE. Naomi

AKI, Wehi

ALIMAZA, Aimee

ALIMAZA, Alma

ALLEN. Tresha

AMANO, Jennifer

AQUINO, Kuulei

ARANGO, Ruby

CADIENTE, Doriann

CAMAT, Moana

CASTRO, Kuuipo

CAZINHA, Leilani

CHATMAN, Fanaafi

CUSHING, Pualani

DAOANG, Sharon

EHIA, Healani

EHIA, Keoki

FREITAS, Tammy-Lyn

FUGA, Julia

GAOIRAN, Gina

GELACIO, Cherrie

HIGA, Hoku

ISHIBASHI, Rie

KAPOI, Pualani

KEALOHAPAUOLE, Wailani

KIMURA, Kinia

LUCERO, Winifred

LUNA, Saundra

MARCUSSON, Makanani

MATAYOSHI, Gail

MILLER, Nani Ipo

MITOBI, Toni

MORALES, Kim

NAKAMA, Awapuhi

OUCHI, Pohakuana

RAMOS, Evelyn

MANUWA, Kehau

PALEA, Liana

PEREZ, Kahealani

PEREZ, Mahea

PETERMAN, Lei

PRINGLE, Victoria

PUMA, Nani

PUMA, J.R.

**QUIDACHAY**, Sharon

RAMIRO, Kamu

RAMIRO, Kamuela

RAMIRO, Kaua

RAMIRO, Kawika

RIVERA, Lisa

SALVADOR, Kina

SANCHEZ, Lehuanani

SATARAKA, Kamehaola P.

SATO, Kalena

SCHULTZ, Chanel

STEPHEN, Kalau

TAKAHASHI, Kalola

TAKASHIGE, Nicole

TANELE, Kalani

TANELE, Kekai

TANELE, Kona

TANELE, Maka

THOMPSON, Ikaika

TOKUNAGA, Kathy

TUGADE, Jennifer

TUGADE, Jerryl

TULONGHARI, Sheryl

UEHARA, Ardis

VALDEZ, Noe Noe

VOGRIG, Manya

YAGI, Nori

YOUNG, Jaime

FRASER, Loretta

RAMIRO, Kau'i

CAZINHA, Kaleo

## Special Mahalos

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE KUMU

A very sincere "Mahalo" to all of the participants, their parents and relatives. Your help and support for this concert and throughout the years have meant more to me than words can express.

<u>Congradulations</u> to those who have been promoted to another "level of learning", may you gain academically and increase the confidence needed in your development of a polynesian dancer.

I have have jotted down two inspirational poems taken by the book "STEPPING STONES"

#### JUST DO YOUR BEST

Just do your best
In whatever you do,
Though sometimes it may not
Be easy for you.
Half-heartedness never
Accomplished a goal,
And positive thinking,
Is good for the soul.

Just do your best,
That's all one can ask,
In spite of the odds,
Whatever the task.
So what if you work up
Some old fashioned sweat?
You first have to give,
Before you can get.

Just do your best
With what you have got,
And though it is little.
Or if it's a lot,
You'll know in your heart,
When each day is through,
You've done everything
God expected of you.

--- Grace E. Easley

#### LORD,

Give me the patience to see this day through, In joy and in sorrow to seek after You.

Teach us to trust in Your loving Son, From the time this day starts until the moment it's done.

Teach us not to murmur, complain or to strive, Because only through You are we truly alive.

Sometimes it's not until we wander or stray, That we realize it's near You we always must stay.

So teach us to love You and always be true,

From the time this day starts until the moment it's through.

----Gloria Temm

