



STEVEN ESPAÑIOLA

It's rare when an artist arrives on the scene offering a refreshing new spin on a traditional genre of music. Steven Espaniola *is* that artist. Raised in Aliamanu, Hawai'i and now residing in the California Bay Area, Steven is a multi-instrumentalist specializing in Ki Ho'alu (Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar), 'Ukulele, Upright Bass, and Leo Ki'e Ki'e (Traditional Hawaiian falsetto). Of Hawaiian, Filipino and Spanish decent, his ethnicity is as diverse as his unique sound which preserves the integrity of the traditional with a flourish of the modern.

Through the years, Steven has had the pleasure of performing alongside some of Hawaii's top entertainers including Willie K, Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom, Makana, Ho'okena, and Ledward Kaapana. Though an accomplished musician, Steven continues to grow as a humble student of Hawaiian music while contributing to perpetuate its legacy for future generations. Steven hopes to be a perennial mainstay in the Hawaiian music scene for many years to come.

His debut recording entitled *Ho'omaka*, "to begin", features a mesmerizing collection of traditional and original Hawaiian mele recorded by Na Hoku Hanohano award winning producer Dave Tucciarone. *Ho'omaka* will be sure to transport the listener to the Hawaii of yesterday with soaring falsetto vocals, nahenahe slack key guitar and rhythmic 'ukulele. Steven Espaniola's highly anticipated debut album will carry you on a musical journey you won't soon forget.

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