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Pacific Media Group Celebrates Midpoint of Hawaii's Finest Talent Contest with Exciting
Lineup and Amazing Performances

Honolulu, Hawaii, July 11, 2024 – Pacific Media Group is thrilled to announce the exciting midpoint of Hawaii's Finest Talent Contest, marking a pivotal moment in this statewide search for Hawaii's next musical sensation. The competition has been inspiring, with contestants from Oahu showcasing their talents and captivating audiences at the HB Social Club.

As we move into the second half of performances in this contest, we are pleased to welcome a lineup of talented artists from Kauai, Hawaii Island and Maui set to grace the stage at HB Social Club.

### **July 18**

- Contestants: Jioji from Kahaluu and Local Boy Hittah from Lihue
- Headliners: Malino and Hammah House

# July 25

- Contestants: Kepa Revelle from Hilo and Hillside Islanders from Makakilo
- Headliners: High Watah and Hui Pu

# Aug 1

- Contestants: Inaloi from Kaimuki and Juss Press of Wailuku
- Headliners: Opihi Pickers and Miah

Tickets are just \$10 before 10p at the door; \$15 afterwards. Doors open at HB Social Club at 8pm and performances begin at 9pm.

Alaka'i Paleka, Program Director, KAPA Radio, conveyed her excitement, saying, "We are thrilled to have Kepa Revelle represent Hawai'i in this statewide competition, and it's especially rewarding for us to uncover and spotlight such exceptional local talent from our island."

"We're very excited to celebrate Hawai'i's amazing talent and felt it was important to take the competition to the next level with live performances," shares Pu'unui Wong, HI93 Oahu on-air personality, contest series host, and judge. Wong continued to share his enthusiasm about the contest, "Luckily no one has called me Uncle yet, but it's been so exciting to spotlight young local talent and create new opportunities right here in Hawai'i. Across our multiple radio stations throughout the islands, we're honored to be the people's stations and provide a platform for undiscovered artists."

Contestants from the first half of the competition have included a great cross-section of our community - from 14-year-old MJ Fuata, whose mother missed the birth of her grandchild while performing with MJ; to Hazel-Rose Nahienaena, an MMA fighter and pageant queen in the Worlds Beautiful Miss Pageant.

<u>Digital assets capturing the essence of these vibrant performances thus far can be found here</u> and blog posts with more in-depth information about each contestant can be found here.

This contest has been made possible through the collaboration of Pacific Media Group's radio

stations, including KQMQ – HI93 Oahu, KLHI – HI92 Maui, KSRF – HI95 Kauai, and KAPA-FM Hawaii Island. The support of our sponsors including HI Finest, Southwest Airlines, Roberts Hawaii and The SurfJack Hotel & Swim Club has been instrumental in bringing these talented individuals together from across the Hawaiian islands.

Stay tuned as the journey to discover Hawaii's next big star continues. For updates and highlights from the performances, follow HI93 Oahu and Pacific Media Group's social media channels.

#### PAST EVENTS:

# **June 20:**

Contestants: King Kai from Manoa Valley and Noah from town

Headliners: BET and Kapena

# **June 27**

Contestants: Kalei from Waipahu and MJ Fuata & Ohana from Waianae

Headliners: PeniDean and Keala

# <u>July 4</u>

Contestants: Hazel from Waianae and Candice from Papakolea

Headliners: Spawnbreezie and Chardonnay

#### July 11

Contestants: Caroline from Waipahu and Makamae from Makakilo

Headliners: Micah G and Pohaku

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**About Pacific Media Group:** Pacific Media Group is a leading media company in Hawaii, committed to supporting and promoting local talent through various initiatives, including radio programming, events, and contests. Our mission is to enrich the local community by providing platforms for artists to thrive and connect with audiences.

Our media company has offices in Kahului, O'ahu, Kaua'i, Hilo and Kona. PMG owns and operates 21 radio stations, PMGHawaii.com, MauiNow.com, BigIslandNow.com, HawaiiAirportAdvertising.com and multiple website, app, and digital products.

O'ahu stations include: KDDB FM 102.7 "Da Bomb," "The Wave" 105.9 FM, "HI93" 93.1 FM and KUMU FM 94.7.

Maui stations include: KPOA 93.5 FM; KLH "HI92" 92.5 FM; KJKS 99.9 "Kiss" FM; KJMD "Da Jam" 98.3 FM; KNUI "K-Country" 550 AM (106.1FM); and KMVI "ESPN: 900 AM (102.5 FM).

Hawai'i Island stations include: KAPA 99.1 FM (Kona) and 100.3 FM (Hilo and Ka'ū); KPVS The Beat 95.9 FM (Hilo) and 93.9 FM (Kona), KBIG 97.9 FM (Hilo) and 106.1 FM (Kona).

Kaua'i stations include: KQNG 93.5 FM, KSHK "Shaka" 103.1 FM, KSRF "HI95" 95.9 FM and KUAI 570 AM (and 104.5 FM translator).

