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GRAMMY® NOMINEES HONORED AT THE 4TH ANNUAL NATIVE HAWAIIAN CONFERENCE

Honolulu, HI - The first nominees for the Best Hawaiian Music Album at the 47th Annual GRAMMY® Awards will be honored at the 4th Annual Native Hawaiian Conference on August 31, 2005 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Nominees included the Brothers Cazimero, Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom and Willie K., Ho'okena, Keali'i Reichel, and Charles Brotman for his production of a slack key guitar compilation. All of these talented artists represented Hawaii at the Awards presented by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (Academy) in Los Angeles earlier this year, with the Charles Brotman compilation winning the award.

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement will honor all of the nominees during its conference week, celebrating this exciting group of highly acclaimed artists for their music and contributions to perpetuating Hawaiian culture and knowledge. The Honorable Senator Daniel Akaka will deliver the keynote address at the banquet that begins at 6:30 p.m.

“These individuals are not only composers and artists – they are powerful representatives of who we are as a community in Hawaii,” said Leina‘ala Kalama Heine, Kumu Hula and CNHA Board Member. “The recognition of their work and love of Hawaii by the Academy is a recognition of the heart of Hawaiian values, knowledge and culture that inspires all of us.”

Sponsored by the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), the Hawaiian GRAMMY® Awards Banquet promises to be one of the highlights of the conference.

“We are proud to sponsor the 4th Annual Native Hawaiian Conference Inaugural Hawaiian GRAMMY® Awards Banquet to recognize the tremendous contributions of each of the artists nominated by the Academy,” remarked Rex Johnson, HTA President & Chief Executive Officer. “It is an honor for the Hawaii Tourism Authority to stand behind these individuals who have dedicated their lives to the Hawaiian culture and what it means to Hawaii.”

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CNHA, a nonprofit supporting Native Hawaiian communities, coordinates the annual conference to unify and celebrate the work of hundreds of organizations working to perpetuate culture, promote healthcare, affordable housing and educational initiatives. The Council will host the 4th Annual Native Hawaiian Conference from August 30th to September 2nd in Honolulu, anticipating more than 400 attendees from around the state and country.

For more information on the Hawaiian GRAMMY® Awards Banquet and the nominees, contact CNHA at 808.521.5011 or toll-free at 800.709.CNHA (2642), or visit the CNHA Web site at www.hawaiiancouncil.org. Tickets are available for \$75 per person.

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