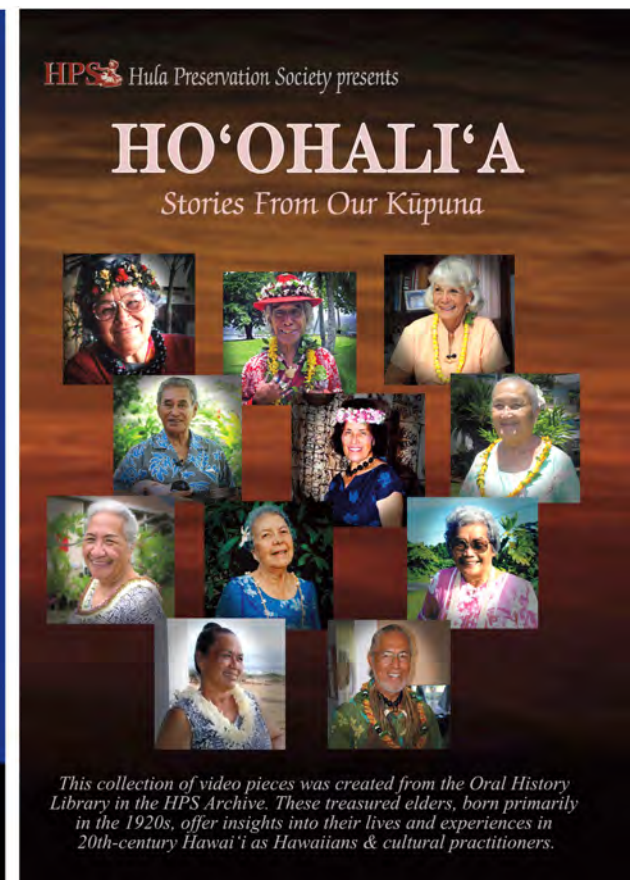



HPS DVDs – 3 Front Covers



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**Voices of our Kūpuna** is an enriching experience for the eyes, ears, and heart. This live program was presented by HPS in July 2005 on the island of Maui, and it features three beloved kūpuna Kumu Hula - **Auntie Nona Beamer, Uncle George Naope, and Auntie Kahili Long Cummings** - all of whom have spent their entire lives immersed in hula and music, educating countless people around the world about their beloved Hawaiian culture. This unique presentation captures their individuality, loving spirits, and playful natures, and provides you with the opportunity to experience the important wisdom and valuable insights they have gained over their lifetimes that they so graciously share with us here. Sit back and enjoy a delightful 80 minutes with these true treasures of Hawai'i.

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Running Time: 80 minutes

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Blue Crater Media and Hula Preservation Society Present *The Hawaiian Room!*

From 1937-1966, the famed Hawaiian Room shared Hula, Hawaiian Music & Aloha with the world. Located in the heart of New York City, the elegant supper club at the Lexington Hotel enchanted millions with a captivating blend of Hawaiian melodies with American musical trends, and a hula show par excellence.

The hustle and bustle of Manhattan was a world away from island life for the talented young dancers, musicians, and singers from Hawai'i. Over the 30 years, they helped create a distinctive experience for residents, visitors, dignitaries, and celebrities who packed the sold-out shows. Three decades of top-notch entertainment, impressive ambience, and appealing "exotic" food and drink cemented the Hawaiian Room's place in New York history.

In 2010, Hula Preservation Society (HPS) began documenting the stories of those who worked in the Room. They shared experiences and photos capturing that magical time in their lives. With materials in hand, HPS and Filmmaker Ann Marie Kirk collaborated to create this documentary film.

We hope you enjoy hearing from the entertainers, dancers and patrons who made the Hawaiian Room such a special place to be and experience!



*Early iconic Hawaiian Room image  
Band Leader Lani McIntire (centerstage)  
Dancers L.R. - Momi Kai, Luana Poeopoe,  
Tulasi Wilson & Napua Woodd. Seated  
L. & R. - Aggie Auld, Maleo Shaw  
(circa 1941)*



*Hawaiian Room 1957  
Dancers in their ti-leaf skirts  
L.R. - Meuli Horio, Iwalani Carmo,  
Leialoha Kalekimi, Ehulani Enoka*

Director & Producer Ann Marie N. Kirk  
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Founded in 2000, Hula Preservation Society is a non-profit dedicated to preserving and sharing the unique spirits, authentic voices, and personal stories of esteemed kūpuna hula.

-  **Nona Beamer** - HPS Founder & lifelong teacher deepens our learning with important island history, life lessons, and family learning & advice. (3)
-  **George Naope** - Inspiring Kumu Hula & Founder of the Merrie Monarch shares of his upbringing in Hilo, family history, & remarkable life in hula. (2)
-  **Queenie Ventura Dowsett** - Notable hula elder shares of enriching experiences with her teacher and mentor, the inimitable Iolani Luahine. (3)
-  **George Holokai** - Respected Kumu Hula & chanter from O'ahu shares of his hula journey under the tutelage of Tom Hiona & Lillian Makaena. (2)
-  **Puluelo Naipo Park** - Gracious Kumu Hula from Kohala skillfully tells the family story on the origin of her Hawaiian name.
-  **Joan Sniffen Lindsey** - Kumu shares lovingly about growing up in a mixed family - Hawaiian, Korean - and how she began her lengthy journey in hula.
-  **Myrtle Kahea Hilo** - Charming entertainer fondly recalls growing up with her Tūtū lady in Hau'ula, O'ahu, & how she caught the music bug early in life! Musical performance included.
-  **Emma Stone Kauhi** - Hawaiian elder shares of her upbringing in rural Kapa'ahu on Hawai'i Island, life with Pele, and her evolution as a native speaker. Segments with hula & chant included. (11)
-  **Rhea Enos Akoi** - Endearing Hawaiian elder & lifelong homesteader in Keaukaha offers guiding thoughts for students of hula & Hawaiian language.
-  **Pearl Keawe Souza** - O'ahu Kumu shares of her 1930s childhood and deep gratitude for a career teaching & working with Hawai'i's top entertainers.
-  **Pilipo Solatorio** - Hawaiian elder reflects on growing up in Halawa Valley at Molokai's east end, and impactful lessons from his family & teachers.

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