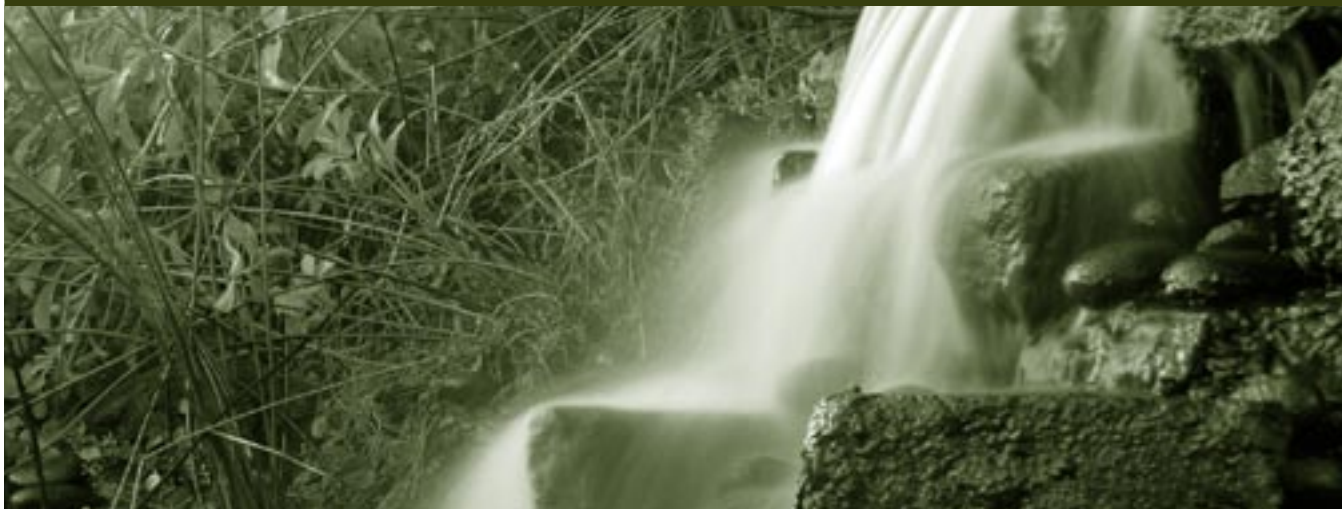


Bishop Museum Proudly Presents: Celebration of Kūpuna



Mele Inoa Name Chant



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Kūpuna Series is celebrating with Earl Kawa'a.

A native of Moloka'i, Earl Kawa'a is the son of two mahi'ai kalo (taro farmers) from Hālawā, Moloka'i. After moving to O'ahu, Earl gained his B.A. from Hawai'i Pacific University and continued on to get his Masters in social work from the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. Earl has been a key note speaker and has presented on many different topics which service the Hawaiian community such as ho'oponopono, culture in therapy, health and wellness as well as education.

Formerly the Family Education Specialist and Site Coordinator for the Hi'ilani Project in Waimānalo and presently the Hawaiian Cultural Specialist with the Curriculum Development and Dissemination Branch at Kamehameha Schools. Earl works with kūpuna, parents and children in the community to prepare children for school readiness and provide a strong foundation in Hawaiian culture.

In collaboration with Sharon Majit-Gorion of Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center and Paul Richards, President of the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association, the very first Mele Inoa (name chant) class for fathers began in September of 2005. The outcome was positively received by all who attended. Shortly after, another class for mothers followed.

Mele Inoa is a name chant composed in honor of a person and a gift that will remain for generations to come. Join Earl, Sharon and their first class of Mele Inoa fathers as they share compositions and teachings of this tradition that is reintroduced into the family.

Atherton Hālau

Tuesday

May 16, 2006

6:30 - 8:30

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