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Kim Sueoka, Lau Hawaiian Collective, and Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education present

Wai: Hawaiian Fresh Water Songs CD Release

Kim Sueoka – vocals, 'ukulele, hula 'ili'ili
David Burk – guitar, lap steel, vocals
Rahn Yanes – bass, vocals
Shahzore Shah – vocals
Dave Kapell – glass harp, 'ukulele

Preview Concert

Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM
Roots Music Showcase with Bill Cagley
The Coffee Grounds
1579 Hamline Avenue North
Falcon Heights, MN 55108
<http://www.thecoffeegrounds.net/>

CD Release Concert with Resources for Water Education

Friday, May 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM
Sundin Music Hall, Hamline University
1531 Hewitt Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104
Tickets: \$15 General Admission, \$10 for Students and Seniors, Free admission for children under age 12 and Hamline University students, faculty and staff
Advance tickets and information: www.kimsueoka.com

St. Paul, MN – Minnesota State Arts Board Grant Recipient Kim Sueoka and Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education celebrate the CD release of *Wai*, a sparkling collection of Hawaiian chants, songs, hulas, and stories about fresh water. Kim Sueoka (vocals, 'ukulele, hula 'ili'ili), David Burk (guitar, lap steel), Rahn Yanes (bass), Shahzore Shah (vocals), and Dave Kapell (glass harp, 'ukulele) plunge into the sweet, poignant, rollicking music of the Hawaiian Islands with fresh arrangements of Hawaiian cowboy songs, hulas, Hawaiian reggae tunes, and ballads.

The importance of fresh water, or *wai*, is reflected in numerous aspects of Hawaiian culture. Fresh water features prominently in Hawaiian place names, traditional land management systems, *mo'olelo* (story-telling), and *mele* (poetry and songs). Hawaiian concepts of water as a vital resource, a source of enjoyment, a symbol for love and life, and a big player in myths and legends abound in traditional and modern song material. This interactive concert is an opportunity to celebrate humanity's shared reverence for water and to explore the place of water in today's world.

This concert is presented in collaboration with Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education. Kim Sueoka is a fiscal year 2011 recipient of an Artist Initiative grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is funded, in part, by the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

About Kim Sueoka

Vocalist Kim Sueoka is passionate about creating musical insights into the human experience. Lauded as "radiant" (Cleveland Classical), she is an active performer of Hawaiian historical music, early music, chamber music, and new compositions. She frequently appears in concert as a soloist and with The Rose Ensemble and Silver Swan Chamber Ensemble. Her "crystalline voice" (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel) can also be heard on a growing number of recordings.

Album Preview: youtube.com/watch?v=UAdoMGE6IAw

Downloadable press materials, including concert flyers, press photos, videos, and audio samples: <http://www.kimsueoka.com>