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Lau Hawaiian Collective, Luke the Uke, and Tom Lieberman Journey Into Hawaiian Music

Lau Hawaiian Collective Presents

Nā Mele Wai: Hawaiian Fresh Water Songs

Free Outdoor* Family Concert with Special Guests Luke the Uke & Tom Lieberman

Thursday, July 11, 2013 · 7:00-8:15 PM

1961 James Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

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(St. Paul) – Lau Hawaiian Collective presents a free outdoor family concert on Thursday, July 11th in the Macalester-Groveland Neighborhood of St. Paul. ***Nā Mele Wai: Hawaiian Fresh Water Songs*** is a journey for all ages into the music and history of Hawai'i. Puppet Luke the Uke and his human friend Tom Lieberman will appear as special guests on the program, bringing new voices to the Minneapolis-based Hawaiian band.

The program will feature several types of Hawaiian music on the theme of fresh water (*wai*) and plenty of audience participation. Traditional hula noho (seated hula), hula 'ili'ili (hula using water-washed pebbles), Paniolo (Hawaiian Cowboy) songs, compositions by members of the Hawaiian Monarchy, and place-name songs will be performed using 'ukuleles, lap steel guitar, steel string guitar, upright bass, and glass harp. Light refreshments will be provided after the concert.

*In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 1935 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, and an announcement about the rain location will be posted online at <http://kimsueoka.com> by 5:00 pm on July 11th

About Lau Hawaiian Collective

Lau Hawaiian Collective is a group of performing artists dedicated to the perpetuation of Hawaiian music with reverence and imagination. Our concerts and educational programs illuminate the journey of Hawaii's musical traditions through an ever-changing global landscape. We strive to continually embrace a spirit of welcoming, a love of learning, and a sparkling enthusiasm for sharing music and ideas.

Lau Hawaiian Collective was recently featured on Minnesota Public Radio's *Minnesota Sounds and Voices*, and currently serves as a performing arts group with COMPAS, a nationally-recognized provider of arts education programs.