



# HALAU HULA O POHAI KEALOHA

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## **Kumu Kealoha Kalama Cabral**

Kealoha Kalama has been in the business for over 45 years as an entertainer, kumu hula, recording artist and producer. Kealoha was also with the Department of Transportation at the Hawaii International airport as a ground hostess. She entertained for VIP arrivals and then moved to Aloha Airlines as a ground hostess and entertainer.

Kealoha is the Kumu Hula for Halau Hula O Pohai Kealoha, which has been located at the Bishop Museum since 1971. She was one of the focal points of Hawaiiana and did the Hula shows for over 25 years before retiring in 2000.

Kealoha produced her own Polynesian Revue in many of the showrooms in Waikiki for many years. She has judged many beauty pageants, the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival, other hula competitions on O'ahu and even hula competitions in California, Tijuana, Seattle, and Japan. She has also entertained throughout the continental USA, Canada, London, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Thailand, New Zealand, Fiji, Tahiti, Johnson Island, Guam, and Kwajelin.

Kealoha still teaches as a Hawaiian studies teacher at Nimitz Elementary with the Department of Education as she has done for the past 15 years.

In the year 2005 she was also named the Na Hoku Hanohano Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. In the same year she was also named a life member and was the 2005 Holoku Ball Honoree for the Honolulu Hawaiian Civic Club.

Her mentors in Hula were John Pi'ilani Watkins, Uncle Joseph Kamoha'I Kahaulelio, Auntie Vicki I'I Rodrigues, Uncle Bill Ali'iloa Lincoln, Auntie Lena Machado, and her mother Mrs. Virginia Hamau Kalama.