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Artists go with the flow for new Waimea show *Mixed-media exhibit opens on Sunday at Kahilu*

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The varied physical and cultural landscapes of the waters flowing through Waimea from Kohala Mountain to the ocean are the inspiration for an invitational artists' event from Sunday, May 10, through June 12 at Kahilu Theatre.

Kahe Mau Ka Wai A Waimea: Forever Shall the Waters of Waimea Flow reflects on the enduring waters of Waimea and cultural landscape through art and sharing.

For sensory and creative inspiration, participating artists were invited to journey into the cultural landscape of the wahi pana (storied places) of the Kohala Mountain upland waters and of Keanui'omano and Wai'ula'ula streams in the leeward Waimea kula grasslands. There Ku'ulei Keakealani and Keali'i Bertelmann shared stories and tributes to their ancestral lands with the artists to collectively deepen a connection to the spirit of place.

The mixed-media art show opens at 4 p.m. on Sunday at the theater. The opening includes a multi-media performance by Keakealani and Bertelmann with hula, mele (music) and mo'olelo(stories) honoring the Waters of Waimea. The public is also invited at 7 p.m. on June 1 to presentations by Carolyn Stewart on the Wai'ula'ula Watershed, Melora Purell on the Kohala Mountain resources and partnership, and Bob Nishimoto on the native aquatic species found in the watershed.

Kahe Mau Ka Wai A Waimea is a collaboration of partners volunteering their time and resources so that the mo'olelo wahi pana (stories of sacred sites) and precious watershed endure. They include Ku'ulei Keakealani, Keali'i Bertelmann, Yvonne and Keoki Carter, TryLookInside Graphics, Kahilu Theatre Foundation, The Kohala Center and Wai'ula'ula Watershed Partnership.

For a complete list of participating artists and additional information, visit <http://www.kohalacenter.org/KaheMauKaWaiAWaimea/about.html>.



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The Wai'ula'ula watershed is filled with natural features, at left, sculpted through the centuries by the waters of Waimea. At right is the kula grasslands portion of the watershed, which begins in the Kohala Mountains and runs to the ocean near Maunae and Kaunao'a beach in the area of the Mauna Kea Resort. - Yvonne Yarber Carter Photos