

HALEKULANI'S *LIVE AT LEWERS* 2023 PRESENTS JEFF PETERSON



Photo courtesy of Jeff Peterson

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WAIKIKI, HAWAII – September 26, 2023 – Halekulani's Lewers Lounge, a prominent Waikiki oasis for sophisticated cocktails and contemporary live jazz music, announces the return of the special Live at Lewers featuring award-winning musician Jeff Peterson performing on Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27.

In his first feature appearance at Lewers Lounge, Hawaii born and raised **Jeff Peterson** will create a rarified, deeply inspired evening, drawing on early roots of jazz in Hawaii. His focus on slack key guitar, classical, and jazz music has allowed him to develop a unique and transcendent voice on the guitar while being deeply rooted in the traditions of his local heritage.

"Halekulani has a legacy of providing our guests with unrivaled and distinct experiences, often with an emphasis on supporting and appreciating local arts and culture," said Davide Barnes, Hotel Manager of Halekulani. "With the return of *Live at Lewers*, we are excited to welcome renowned local talent Jeff Peterson to the lounge for two incredible evenings of jazz."

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Jeff Peterson has contributed to two Grammy Award-winning recordings and has been honored with 11 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards in Hawaii, two Hoku Awards in 2016 for Slack Key Album of the Year and Instrumental Song of the Year, and the 2018 Na Hōkū Hanohano Instrumental Album of the Year. Born on the Island of Maui, he grew up on the slopes of Haleakala where he was introduced to the rich heritage of Hawaiian music by his father, a paniolo, or 'Hawaiian cowboy,' on the Haleakala Ranch.

The Live at Lewers special event further enhances Lewers Lounge's live entertainment available nightly Tuesday through Saturday. The hotel looks forward to announcing additional headliners for the 2024 Live at Lewers. The performances with Jeff Peterson will take place from 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm on both evenings. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$65 per person and include two drinks and valet parking. Food and beverages will be served prior to the performance for an additional cost. For more information or to make a reservation, call (808) 518-2019 or visit Live at Lewers: Featuring Jeff Peterson | Halekulani Hotel

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About Jeff Peterson

Recognized as one of Hawaii's most versatile musicians, Jeff Peterson is at the heart of the Hawaiian music scene today. His passion for the guitar has allowed him to shine as a solo artist and has given him the opportunity to collaborate with a wide variety of artists from Hawaii, across the US, and abroad. His focus on Slack Key guitar, classical, and jazz music has allowed him to develop a unique and transcendent voice on the guitar while being deeply rooted in the traditions of his Hawaiian heritage.

He has contributed to two Grammy Award-winning recordings and has been honored with thirteen Na Hoku Hanohano Awards in Hawaii. His solo CD Maui on My Mind was recognized as the Slack Key Album of the Year and received a Grammy nomination in 2010. His next release featured his songwriting, performing, and producing on Amy Hanaiali`i and Slack Key Masters of Hawaii. The groundbreaking recording features a collaboration between Jeff, Amy Hanaiali`i, Cyril Pahinui, Dennis Kamakahi, Sonny Lim, and Chino Montero. His next release titled Slack Key Travels includes twelve new compositions and new arrangements of classic Hawaiian songs and won the 2014 Hoku Award for Best Slack Key Album. Jeff's solo album O'ahu won two Hoku Awards in 2016 for Slack Key Album of the Year and instrumental song of the year for the song Old Pali.

For more information on Jeff Peterson, please visit https://jeffpetersonguitar.com/.

About Lewers Lounge

Lewers Lounge, named after Robert Lewers whose family home is recognized as the nexus of Halekulani back to 1917, has become one of the go-to venues for live jazz featuring both classical acts as well as new jazz talent. Since its launch in 2013, the *Live at Lewers* series at Lewers Lounge has continued evolving its legacy as one of the world's great jazz rooms with appearances by Tony Bennett, Diana Krall, Jack Jones, Eddie Henderson, Tierney Sutton, Robert Cazimero and other legends of jazz. The renowned lounge has been described as an oasis for jazz fans and cocktail enthusiasts alike, features contemporary and classic cocktails, paired with delectable bites and live music.

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About Halekulani

Since its re-introduction in 1984 as one of the world's finest and most acclaimed independent luxury hotels, Halekulani has received more than 500 awards, most recently placing on Travel + Leisure's 2023 World's Best Awards list of the best resort hotels in Hawaii, Condé Nast Traveler's 2023 Gold List of best hotels and resorts in the world and Travel + Leisure's 2022 T+L 500 list. Freshly reopened following a comprehensive renewal project, Halekulani is home to La Mer, Hawaii's longest, consecutively ranked AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Travel Guide 5-Star Restaurant, Orchids, House Without A Key, L'Aperitif, Lewers Lounge, Cattleya Wine Bar, SpaHalekulani, and Earl's Pool Bar. For over twenty years, Halekulani has maintained a strong commitment to arts and culture in the community through exclusive alliances with Oahu's most iconic cultural venues. Halekulani is operated by the Hotels and Resorts of Halekulani, a brand management division of the Honolulu-based Halekulani Corporation, which also oversees the Halepuna Waikiki by Halekulani. Halekulani is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and is aligned with Tokyo's legendary Imperial Hotel. For further information, please visit www.halekulani.com.

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