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**HAWAIIAN JAMS:  
THE BEST ISLAND MUSIC TO EXPERIENCE AND DOWNLOAD**

**HONOLULU, Hawaii** – Soft breezes blow your hair back from your face. The setting sun illuminates the land with its golden glow. As you slowly sip the chilled mai tai in your hand, the soaring notes of traditional Hawaiian falsetto waft over the murmuring waves. Another evening of classic island entertainment has begun at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, the only property in Waikiki with live, authentic Hawaiian music nightly.

Guests of the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa can experience the resort's featured entertainer, **Aunty Genoa Keawe**, Hawaii's longest performing singer with a career spanning more than 70 years. Honored as a "Living Treasure of Hawaii" and inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame, Genoa is a local icon, renowned for her musical talent and knowledge of Hawaiian culture.

Every Thursday, Aunty Genoa performs exclusively at the resort's open-air **Moana Terrace**. Enjoy her variety of songs, alternating between up-tempo hula standards to lush ballads, while members of her family accompany her on 'ukulele and guitar. Among Aunty Genoa's most requested songs are "E Huli Makou," "Hawaiian Wedding Song" and "Nani Wai'ale'ale." With her flowing *mu'umu'u*, fresh flower lei and warm smile, Aunty Genoa exudes Hawaii's famous aloha spirit – a must-see for music lovers!

Another way to enjoy Hawaiian music is through downloading. Thanks to such notable singers with Hawaii ties, such as **IZ** and **Jack Johnson**, a craze for Hawaiian music has spread beyond local listeners. In response to the increasing demand, music downloading services are expanding their selections of Hawaiian music, often classified in the "World" music genre.

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Here are a few Hawaiian artists recommended by associates of the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa:

- **Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom** – One of Hawaii's best female artists, Gilliom recently took home four awards at the 2007 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards, which honors achievement in the Hawaii recording industry. Her awards included Female Vocalist of the Year, Album of the Year, and Hawaiian Album of the Year for "Generation Hawaii."
- **Keali'i Reichel** – 2007 Na Hoku Hanohano Award winner for Entertainer of the Year.
- **Kaukahi** – 2007 Na Hoku Hanohano Award winners, including Group of the Year and Song of the Year.

Students who've gone to the mainland for college can find the latest hits by contemporary artists such as **Keahiwai**, **Natural Vibrations** and **Jake Shimabukuro**. Their parents can download favorite songs from older albums by **Don Ho** and **The Brothers Cazimero**.

*Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa boasts the best stretch of Waikiki Beach. The resort hotel is located across from exciting, and newly restored, Kuhio Beach and is in the pulse of Waikiki. The hotel offers 1,310 refurbished guest rooms and suites with a private lanai providing a spectacular view of world-famous Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach; Kuhio Beach Grill, featuring the best in Pacific Rim cuisine; Sansei Seafood Restaurant & Sushi Bar and d.k Steak House; Arancino di Mare Italian Restaurant; Restaurant Run, contemporary sushi bar; Moana Terrace, offering live Hawaiian entertainment nightly; Seattle's Best Coffee; Paul Brown's Spa Olakino \* Salon; Faith Riding Company Surf School; two freshwater, heated, swimming pools; 10-person whirlpool; 24-hour fitness facility; business center with 24-hour Internet access; high-speed and wireless Internet access throughout the resort's guest rooms and public spaces; shops and boutiques; and Hawaiian cultural activities.*

*The hotel is located within walking distance from the International Marketplace, Waikiki Aquarium, Honolulu Zoo, Diamond Head, Kapiolani Park and Kuhio Beach, which was recently re-nourished and rejuvenated with 10,000 cubic yards of sand pumped from waters off Waikiki.*

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