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PBS HAWAII PREMIERES THE B-SIDE THURSDAY OCTOBER 27 CONTEMPORARY SINGERS EXPAND MUSIC GENRES

While Hawaii's music scene is deeply rooted in tradition, artists who follow the beat of a different drummer deserve a closer look...and listen.

On Thursday, October 27 at 9:00 pm, PBS Hawaii Presents the pilot episode of **The B-Side**, a new series of in-studio performances by up-and-coming Hawaii artists who express themselves through indie-rock, folk, jazz, avant-garde, and other approaches to music that defy category. Hosted by award-winning vocalist Tony Conjugacion, the premiere episode features jazz vocalist Starr Kalahiki as well as singer-songwriter duo Tahiti Rey and Jason Alan. Kalahiki has worked with choral director Nola Nahulu; appeared on stage in productions by the Hawaii Opera Theatre, Diamond Head Theatre and Leeward Community College; and performed with various local bands. Rey has won a Hawaii Music Award and her debut album received a Na Hoku nomination for Best Contemporary Album.

The program's title, The B-Side, refers to the flip side of a 45 rpm record revealing an often eclectic and more interesting alternative to the hit song on the A-Side.

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