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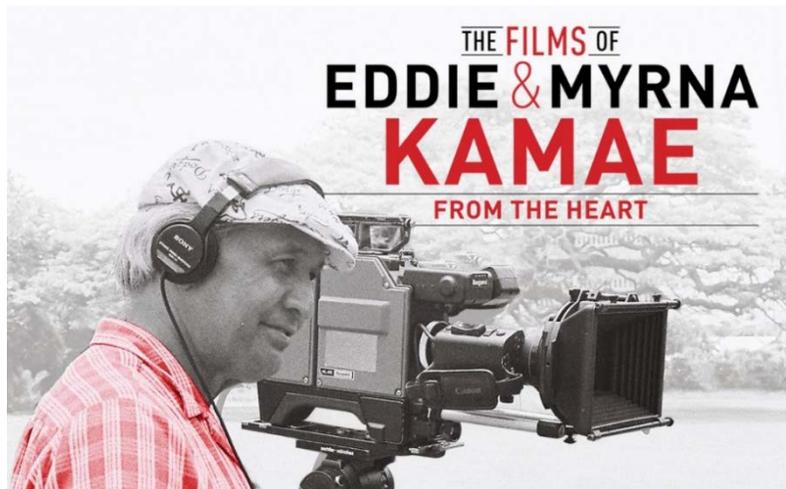
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PBS Hawai'i to present encore of Eddie and Myrna Kamae's films

HONOLULU, HI – PBS Hawai'i will present an encore of **The Films of Eddie and Myrna Kamae, From the Heart** – a broadcast and online presentation of all 10 films by the late Eddie Kamae and his wife and collaborator, Myrna Kamae.

The encore presentation runs from Sunday, March 18 through Thursday, March 22, at 8:00 pm on each night, on PBS Hawai'i. (The broadcast schedule and film summaries are included on the following pages.) All 10 films will also be available to stream online March 23-April 6 at pbshawaii.org/kamaefilms.



Last April, PBS Hawai'i partnered with the Kamaes' Hawaiian Legacy Foundation to present this unprecedented televised and online film festival. This showcase features all 10 award-winning documentaries in Eddie and Myrna Kamae's Hawaiian Legacy Series, released 1988-2009.

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Sunday, March 18, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

***Li'a: The Legacy of a Hawaiian Man* (1988)**

This documentary celebrates the music and spirit of Big Island performer and composer, Sam Li'a Kalainaina (1881-1975). It is also about a place, Waipi'o Valley, and a life shaped and nourished by that place. This film's world premiere opened the 1988 Hawai'i International Film Festival.

***Those Who Came Before: The Musical Journey of Eddie Kamae* (2009)**

The Kamae's final documentary pays tribute to the music of Hawaiians, whose gifts of knowledge helped guide Eddie Kamae. His pursuits led him to some of the most respected gate-keepers of the Hawaiian Renaissance: the author and translator Mary Kawena Pukui, the "Songwriter of Waipi'o" Sam Li'a, "Aloha Chant" author Pilahi Pahi, and Hawaiian cultural resource Lilia "Mama" Hale. One by one, they entrusted him with key pieces of Hawai'i's musical heritage – inspiring him to understand, perform, and pass on to the children of Hawai'i.

Monday, March 19, 8:00 – 10:30 pm

***Lahaina: Waves of Change* (2007)**

In 1999, Eddie Kamae visited Lahaina, only to find that Pioneer Mill, the center of Lahaina's sugar industry, was closing down. It was the end of an era – a simpler, more innocent time that Eddie remembers from visiting his grandmother during childhood summers in Lahaina. Eddie leads us through many of the changes Lahaina has undergone, both historical and personal. And despite all of the radical changes and tumultuous times Lahaina has experienced, it remains a sacred Hawaiian place, not because of what has been built upon it, but because of what is in the hearts of people who live there.

***The History of the Sons of Hawaii* (2000)**

This documentary tells the story of the charismatic band that helped launch the Hawaiian cultural renaissance. Spanning 40 years of Hawai'i's rich musical tradition, the film offers an intimate look at a unique group of performers and composers: their songs, their humor and their devotion to a sound that continues to convey something essential about the Hawaiian spirit.

Tuesday, March 20, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

***Kī Hō‘alu: Slack Key, The Hawaiian Way* (1993)**

Kī hō‘alu (slack key) is the Hawaiian way of making music. Performers and composers reveal how this unique style of playing conveys something essential about the Hawaiian spirit and the Hawaiian family tradition.

***Luther Kahekili Makekai: A One Kine Hawaiian Man* (1997)**

This documentary pays tribute to the untamed spirit of a colorful and controversial Hawaiian man. Known throughout the islands, Luther Makekai was part philosopher and part outlaw, a chanter and a singer, a fighter, a lover, a cattle rustler, a rebel and a poet. Born on Maui in 1890, during the reign of King Kalākaua, he lived nearly 100 years, shaped by a century of turbulent cultural change.

Wednesday, March 21, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

***Listen to the Forest* (1991)**

This environmental documentary speaks of the widespread concern for rainforest preservation, while reminding us of traditional Hawaiian values. Interviews, chants, and original songs and dances give voice to an older form of ecological wisdom summed up in the phrase “mālama ‘āina,” to take care of the land.

***Hawaiian Voices: Bridging Past to Present* (1998)**

This documentary honors the role of kūpuna (elders) in preserving Hawaiian culture. It focuses on the legacies of three respected Hawaiian elders whose lives bridged the transition from older times into the late 20th century. They are Ruth Makaila Kaholoa‘a, age 93, of the Big Island; Lilia Wahinemaika‘i Hale, age 85, of O‘ahu and Molokai; and Reverend David “Kawika” Ka‘alakea, age 78, of Maui. Each is a living archive of invaluable lore and recollection, a treasure whose stories, memories and perspectives need to be shared as a way of bringing the healing wisdom of the past into the often fragmented world of the present.

Thursday, March 22, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

***Words, Earth & Aloha: The Source of Hawaiian Music* (1995)**

In Hawai'i, music has always been much more than a form of entertainment. Through the centuries, it has been a primary means of cultural continuity. This documentary pays tribute to a wide range of composers who flourished between the 1870s and the 1920s, and for whom Hawaiian was still a first language. The film explores the poetry and play of Hawaiian lyrics, as well as the places and features of the natural world that inspired songs still loved and listened to today.

***Keepers of the Flame: The Cultural Legacy of Three Hawaiian Women* (2005)**

This documentary chronicles the lives of three Hawaiian women who helped to save the Hawaiian culture, which was in serious peril. The combined artistry and aloha of Mary Kawena Pukui, 'Iolani Luahine and Edith Kanaka'ole “helped to revive the flame of traditional Hawaiian culture – a flame that had almost died,” says Eddie Kamae in his on-camera introduction to the film.

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