

## FULL BIOGRAPHY

Anthony Pfluke has been called Maui's hottest new talent. He plays Hawaiian, hapa haole, contemporary, and his own original songs with great passion and verve. Whether playing for an intimate wedding ceremony or a festival audience, his performances are both exhilarating and inspiring. He accompanies his moving vocals with adroit musicianship on 'ukulele, guitar and keyboards.

Anthony is a popular musician on Maui. He can be seen Saturday nights at Nalu's South Shore Grill, voted Maui's "best new restaurant," and he stays busy with weddings, major resorts, private parties, public libraries, art galleries and festivals like World Whale Day and Maui's Earth Day Festival. He also shares his knowledge through teaching ukulele.

His most recent CD is available on his website, [AnthonyPfluke.com/ep](http://AnthonyPfluke.com/ep). It's an EP of his original songs and features George Kahumoku Jr. on slack key guitar and backing vocals.

Among his most prized honors is that he was commissioned by Kimokeo Kapahulehua to write a song for the launch of Mo'okiha O Pi'ilani, the traditional Hawaiian voyaging canoe that will carry Maui's own cultural outreach to the Pacific Islands and the world. Equally thrilling is that he is being mentored by George Kahumoku Jr, a four-time Grammy award winner who is training him in traditional Hawaiian culture, farming methods, and traditional slack key guitar.

Born and raised in Kihei, Anthony also finds joy in giving back to the community by playing benefits for groups such as Imua Family Services, Maui Family Support Services, Kihei Canoe Club, local politicians, World Whale Day, and our county "special fair," a day of the fair dedicated to people with disabilities and the elderly.

Anthony credits Kumu Kealoha (Jarret Delos Santos) for giving him his start in music at his 808'Ukejams group, which meets Thursday nights in North Kihei. At 11 years old, Anthony won a Mele 'ukulele in an essay contest they sponsor, and his performance career took off from there. Now he's one of the alaka'is at the group and frequently a featured soloist. When he started studying under Joy Fields for vocals, it completed the package.

Anthony has a growing group of enthusiastic ukulele students. He gives private and small group lessons.

He has been recording and producing albums on his own since he was 11 years old. He paddles for Kihei Canoe Club, and recently took part in the World Sprints of Outrigger Paddling in Sunshine Coast, Australia. And he is an avid student of aeronautics.

## **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

Anthony Pfluke is a 15-year-old singer-songwriter born and raised on Maui. He plays Hawaiian music, contemporary, island style, and his soul-stirring original compositions. He accompanies himself with his 'ukulele, piano, and slack key guitar. Anthony recently put out an EP called "Never Letting Go" with Uncle George Kahumoku.

He has won the Hula Grill Youth Ukulele Contest for 3 years in a row, among other awards. He can be seen at Nalu's South Shore Grill Saturday nights and has played at many other restaurants and events around the Island.

"I love what I do, and I love how my music can influence people's lives."