

Howard Shapiro

Howard Shapiro, songwriter and recording artist, has spoken out through his music addressing social, environmental and cultural issues. His music career began in 1975 when he began writing about the struggle of the native Hawaiian people for their land and cultural rights. This soon expanded to include songs with themes concerning environmental protection, world hunger, poverty and human rights.

In 1977 he and songwriter Michael Joao created the musical group `Aina (Land). In 1978 they released their first recording entitled ***Greenpeace: To Save the Whales/A Shift in the Wind***. This was a benefit record for Greenpeace and The Hunger Project. From 1977-1980, `Aina performed at concerts, festivals, and fundraisers supporting organizations promoting the protection of the environment, the preservation of native Hawaiian culture, the ending of hunger etc. In 1980, `Aina released its first album ***Lead Me to the Garden***. The album spoke of our collective need to live in peace with one another and with the earth.

In 1981 Howard embarked on his solo career. He produced and recorded two single releases. These recordings supported the work of the Hale Naua III Society of Hawaiian Artists and the Hawai`i Council of American Indian Nations.

In 1986 Howard created the ***Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace***. Building on his commitment to numerous causes, he formed this non-profit organization as a means for other artists to create works that would address social and environmental issues. In 1987, the organization received the ***Peace Messenger Award from the United Nations***.

Howard's travels have taken him to cities across the United States as well as to international venues in Canada, Russia, Europe, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and New Zealand.

Howard helped to create the music group 'Kumanu' in Hawai`i. Their first recording in 2004 ***We Are `Ohana - Songs of Hope*** addressed the issue of substance abuse and addiction. In 2007 Howard produced a new CD ***Earth Patriot*** with Kumanu. The CD addressed social, environmental and cultural issues and was sponsored by Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace and Recycle Hawai`i. In October 2008, Kumanu released ***See the Flame***, a CD that supported the work of Amnesty International and promoted the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Kumanu Music

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Recordings with Kumanu Music and Perryscope Records

Greenpeace: To Save the Whales/A Shift in the Wind: 1978
Hale Mohalu: 1979
Lead Me to the Garden: 1980
Island in the Sea/Aloha `Aina: 1981
The American Indian/Calling to Me (John Lennon's Song): 1981
The Prize: 1987
Ka `Aina: 1987 (Re-released as CD 2003)
The Peacemakers: 1989
We Remember Them: 2002
Listen to the Forest: 2003
We Are `Ohana - Songs of Hope: 2004/Perryscope Records
Legacy: 2005/Perryscope Records
Random Notes: A Songwriter's Journey: 2007/Perryscope Records
Earth Patriot: 2007/Perryscope Records
See the Flame: 2008/Perryscope Records
Higher Ground: 2009/Perryscope Records

Literary Works

Message from the Misty Forest: 2010
Earth Patriot: Origins: 2015

Performances (Partial listing)

Aloha Cultural Exchange - London, Leicester, Edinburgh, Belfast, Dublin
Peace Messenger Conference – Sochi, Soviet Union
Paz y Cooperacion – Madrid, Spain
Life-Link Foundation – Sigtuna, Sweden
Journey to Peace – Vancouver, B. C., Canada
United Nations International Year of the Family - New Zealand
50th Anniversary of the United Nations – San Francisco, CA
Human Rights Access – Washington, D. C.
Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center – Detroit, MI
M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence – Memphis, TN
September 11th Memorial Program – New York City, NY
The Dream Lives On: A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Kaua`i
Hawai`i Environmental Education Association – Honolulu, Hawai`i
Pacific Whale Foundation Whale Day Festival – Maui, Hawai`i
We Are `Ohana: Working Together to Heal Our Islands – Hilo, Hawai`i

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