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Random Notes - A Songwriter's Journey

Hilo, Hawai`-- June 5, 2007 -- Howard Shapiro, songwriter and recording artist from Volcano on the island of Hawai'i, has released his new CD *Random Notes - A Songwriter's Journey*.

Random Notes reflects a diversity of themes that includes relationships with family and friends, interdependency with our natural world and how we as individuals of our nation relate to one another and to the rest of the world.

"The concept for *Random Notes* began to evolve 20 years ago and has finally been realized," Shapiro said.

Shapiro's music career began in 1975 when he started writing songs about the struggle of the native Hawaiian people for their land and cultural rights. Soon after, he expanded his writing to include issues such as environmental protection, human rights and peace.

Shapiro has recorded single releases to benefit international organizations such as Greenpeace and The Hunger Project. *Random Notes* is his seventh album.

In 1986, while living on Kaua`i, Shapiro created the non-profit organization Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace. Building on his commitment to numerous causes, he formed the organization to further the message of peace by showcasing artists whose works addressed social and environmental issues. After its first year of activities, Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace received the Peace Messenger Award from the United Nations.

“Let Our Oceans Live”, “She Will Survive” and “Heart Under Siege” are songs on Random Notes that reflect many of the beliefs that motivated me to create Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace,” says Shapiro.

Shapiro has performed in Hawai‘i, across the United States, as well as in Canada, Russia, Spain, Belgium, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and New Zealand.

The release of Random Notes has been listed as an official event for the United Nations World Environment Day. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the CD supports Artists and the Environment, a program sponsored by Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace and Recycle Hawai‘i. This environmental education program motivates youth and community action through the arts.

For information on ordering the CD, call (808) 985-8725, email: artpeace@hawaiiantel.net or visit www.artistsandpeace.org