

## “Eclectic Diversity”

### Showcases Masterful Artistic Talent and Disciplines.

Unique Invitational Offers An Array Of Collectibles From Each Big Island Artist.

**Hilo, Hawaii:** This unique art exhibition of island-wide master talent offers an opportunity to showcase the variety of world-class art found here on the Big Island. Many of these artists are featured in the permanent collection purchased by the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and are in private collections throughout the world. The Wailoa Center, now celebrating its 51<sup>st</sup> year, will host the exhibition in Hilo, January 3 – 25, 2018. Opening Reception is on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the public to meet the artists in person. Light refreshments will be served. Art and Cultural exhibits are free and the facility is open to the public.

“This rare presentation offers several pieces on display from some of the very best talent on the Big Island who specialize in a diverse range of media,” said Michael Cromwell, curator of the “Eclectic Diversity” exhibition. “I invited these artists to join me in displaying their depth of talent. The newly remodeled Wailoa Center is the largest exhibition space on the Big Island and is the perfect venue to showcase more than 10 pieces of art from each individual artist in one location. It’s also a perfect opportunity for art enthusiasts to acquire collectible art from among a variety of media offerings. Art lovers and collectors from the West side of the island are very much encouraged to take the time to make the trip to the Wailoa Center and view this exhibition while it’s available this January.”

-The 11 different artists are Michael Cromwell - North Kohala, Kate & Will Jacobson - Kona, Nora Yamanoha - Holualoa, Ethan Fronney - Waimea, Joseph Ruesing, and Fair & Evan Jenkins - Hilo, Phan Barker, Elizabeth Miller, and Ken Goodrich - Volcano, Scott Hare - Mountain View, and John Mydock - Pahoa.

- Disciplines include Fiber, Mixed Media, Blacksmithing, Video Production, Ceramics, Glass, Metal, Wood Carving, Wood Turning, Digital, and Print Making.

The Wailoa Center is a Division of State Parks, Department of Land and Natural Resources. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed on Saturday, Sunday and State Holidays. For more information see [wailoacenter.com](http://wailoacenter.com) or call 808-933-0416.

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