

Fact Sheet — Aloha Plenty – Doug & Sandy McMaster

Musical style: Hawaiian slack key guitar & ukulele – traditional style.

Hometown: Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii

Current DVD: *Sunset Diary – “Secret Life of the Slack Key Guitar”*

Current CD: “Hanalei Tradition”

WINNER 2008 Hawaii Music Foundation Awards (People’s Choice Awards)

FINALIST 2009 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards (Hawaii Academy of Recording Artists)

Members/Instruments:

Doug McMaster: guitar

Sandy McMaster: ukulele, guitar, engineer, artist

Record Label: Aloha Plenty

Web site: <http://www.McMasterSlackKey.com>

Points of note:

Tuning the World to Aloha, Doug & Sandy McMaster’s latest CD release, “**Hanalei Tradition**”, is a masterpiece of slack key artistry in the real old family style. They have 9 CDs to their credit.

McMaster slack key music lifts your spirit, nurtures your soul, quiets your mind, and helps your body rest. Comfort music.

From the cover photos of taro fields to the beautiful music inside, it’s all about tradition, family, and life experiences. Slack key music was born in the taro fields from the heart of the Hawaiian islands. Like Hawaiian language, slack key music expresses many levels of meaning. The story of the song is key to its proper playing. Ho’olohe no pepeiao – Listen and pay attention. Maopopo – remember where you and the song come from. Know what your hand is made for – what your mission is this lifetime. Live your talents and gifts.

Hanalei Bridge, the first track, carries you across the little one lane bridge into another world through amazing places and magical encounters ending in the final track, Whales Homecoming. With appropriate serendipity, this CD went to the mastering studio and production house the day the first whales were sighted returning to Kauai.

“Our friend, Kelii, slack key master of Molokai took us under his wing. He learned ki ho’alu (slack key) from his tutu (grandmother), in the old way. As it would be getting dark, he’d find her sitting in the taro patch playing her guitar for the taro, the land, everyone and everything. Ho’oponopono, making things right, at the end of the day. As everything readied for sleep and maha (rest), she taught him that we are all connected... plants, animals, land, pohaku (stone), humans, waters, ... all connected. What you do to one, you do to all.”

Released August 24, 2005, ***Sunset Diary – “Secret Life of the Slack Key Guitar”*** DVD was ten years in the making. A film for everyone who loves Hawaiian sunsets, slack key guitar, family, kids, dogs, stories of aloha, and magical moments! This documentary chronicles years of nightly sunset serenades by Hanalei Bay on the north shore of Kauai.

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