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The Best of Kalapana Concert

San Francisco (September 6, 2017) - The hit Hawaiian band Kalapana will be playing for one night only at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) on Sunday, October 8 starting at 4:00 p.m.



In the mid-1970's Kalapana swept the Japanese and Asian American communities on the mainland as one of the first Asian American recording artists. The 70's were a time when ethnic bands represented their communities and their unique sounds brought identity to those communities through music. For many Asian Americans, Kalapana emerged as that band for the mainland communities.

Kalapana exploded onto the Hawaiian music scene over four decades ago, and has remained one of the most popular bands ever since, releasing a steady stream of top hits, many of which are still heard daily on local radio stations. Their 1975 debut album, simply titled "Kalapana," has been hailed as one of the best albums of Hawaiian Contemporary music of all-time, featuring their trademark vocal harmonies and laid-back grooves. Today, Kalapana consists of original members Malani Bilyeu (vocals and guitar) and DJ Pratt (lead guitar and vocals), along with Gaylord Holomalia (keyboards and vocals), Kenji Sano (bass and vocals), Todd Yukumoto (saxophone and flute), Garin Poliahu (drums) and John Valentine (vocals and guitar).

Describing Kalapana's music, veteran Honolulu entertainment columnist, Wayne Harada, noted that "It's not Hawaiian. They're an act from Hawai'i, but their music is not Hawaiian music because it's more universal in what they have to offer people on the mainland." For longtime Kalapana fans, "The Best of Kalapana Concert" at the JCCCNC will feature many of your all-time favorites, including *The Hurt*; *Nightbird*; *To Be True*; *When the Morning Comes*; *Naturally*; *I'd Chase a Rainbow*; *Way That I Want it To Be*; *Moon & Stars*; *Black Sand* and *Lost Again*.



One of Kalapana's most enthusiastic and popular audiences can be found in Japan where they continue to tour and record specially for their Japanese fan base. Their 30th anniversary Legends Tour played to sold-out audiences throughout Japan.

Tickets are \$75 for JCCCNC members and \$85 General Tickets. Individual tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite.com, [Kalapana Live in Concert](http://KalapanaLiveinConcert.com). Special discounts are available for groups of ten or more people. Please contact the JCCCNC for more information (415) 567-5505.

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About the JCCCNC

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, JCCCNC will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and traditions. The JCCCNC strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through programs, affordable services and facility usage. The JCCCNC is a non-profit community center based in San Francisco.