



**WHERE NASHVILLE MEETS MAUI:  
THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAUI SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL**

*Headliners Gavin Adcock and Hudson Westbrook Lead an Unforgettable Valentine's Week of Star-Studded Musical Experiences at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua*

**KAPALUA, MAUI, HI — (January 14, 2026)** — The highly anticipated Maui Songwriters Festival returns for its 11th year to The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, bringing the art of storytelling through song to one of the world's most scenic destinations. More than a typical music festival, this multi-day experience blends world-class songwriting, intimate performances, and luxury hospitality in an unforgettable setting.

Presented by Renate Event & Design in partnership with The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, and in collaboration with Sony Music Publishing Nashville, the festival welcomes a celebrated lineup of Grammy Award-winning artists, hitmakers, producers, and acclaimed singer-songwriters from Nashville and beyond. From February 11-14, 2026, guests will enjoy both intimate showcases and large-format concerts highlighting the craft, creativity, and inspiration behind some of today's biggest hits spanning Country, Pop, Rock, Americana, Christian, Hip-Hop, and R&B.

Headliners Gavin Adcock and Hudson Westbrook—two of country music's most buzzed-about artists and upcoming openers on Morgan Wallen's "Still the Problem" stadium tour in 2026—lead an impressive lineup featuring Chris DeStefano, Josiah Queen, Alana Springsteen, Kameron Marlowe, Reid Haughton, Dan Alley, Neil Medley, Lauren LaRue, Sara Bares, Kapali Long, Akoni Palomino, and the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific (Pearl Harbor). All events will be hosted by on-air personality Katie Neal, who takes audiences behind the stories of today's chart-topping hits.

Exclusive VIP packages, special room rates, and event tickets are available now at [www.mauisongwritersfestival.com](http://www.mauisongwritersfestival.com).

### **Festival Highlights**

- **Maui Alaloa Live Songwriter Showcase** (Feb. 11, 6-9:30 p.m., Alaloa Lounge) - A relaxed evening featuring Maui's own Akoni Palomino and the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific. Complimentary admission; beverages and bites available for purchase.
- **Maui Songwriters Festival 'Find' Showcase** (Feb. 12, 7-8 p.m., Alaloa Lounge) - Spotting Kapali Long, an O'ahu-born songwriter based in Nashville, poised for a breakthrough moment. Hosted by Katie Neal. Complimentary admission; beverages and bites available for purchase.

- **Nashville Alaloe Live Songwriter Showcase** (Feb. 12, 8-9:30 p.m., Alaloe Lounge) - An intimate Nashville-style round featuring Reid Haughton, Dan Alley, and Neil Medley. Complimentary admission; beverages and bites available for purchase.
- **“How I Wrote That Song” VIP Experience** (Feb. 13, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Aloha Garden Pavilion) - An exclusive evening including premium wine and culinary creations, storytelling sessions with Josiah Queen, and a headlining performance by Grammy Award-winner Chris DeStefano and friends, featuring Mark Nessler, Kameron Marlowe and Alana Springsteen.
- **Alii Nui Exclusive Whale Watch & Snorkel Experience** (Feb. 14, 7 a.m.-12 p.m.) - Sail with festival artists and host Katie Neal on a private Molokini snorkel and whale-watch adventure. Limited availability.
- **Valentine’s Day Finale & VIP Experience** (Feb. 14, 6:30-10 p.m., Aloha Garden Pavilion) - Featuring an opening by the Air Force Band of the Pacific, a performance by “Find” artist Kapali Long, a live auction benefiting Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, and headline performances by Gavin Adcock and Hudson Westbrook to close the night. VIP guests enjoy table seating with wine and chocolate pairings; general admission offers open theater seating.

Community impact remains at the heart of the Maui Songwriters Festival. Festival proceeds directly benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, supporting local youth and families. Thanks to the generosity of partners, artists, and attendees, the festival has donated more than \$220,000 to the Maui community over the past three years.

Set across 54 lush acres, The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua offers beautifully appointed guestrooms and residential suites, world-class dining, serene poolside cabanas, and rejuvenating spa treatments. Guests can also enjoy more than 70 weekly experiences, from coastal hikes to wellness and cultural programming—all framed by Kapalua’s championship golf courses and breathtaking shoreline.

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