

Q'nA

What local musician do you most enjoy watching perform live?

They could be Makaha Sons or Hapa, or Ledward Kaapana. There's so many people who I respect and enjoy watching. I like watching Ledward and Barry Flanagan for their musicianship, but in terms of a local group then to me Makaha Sons are the best.

What is your definition of success?

Happiness.

Who or what do you credit for your musical success?

My father.

What album do you think you've listened to the most times in your life?

Probably the Makaha Sons of Niihau's *Ho'oluana* CD.

What color best describes your personality?

Blue, but I like orange though for some reason. I have an orange car.

Where is your favorite place to play music?

Whittier College, it's a great venue. The

overall ambiance off the place and the people who come. It's very special there. Wolf Trap in Virginia is an outdoor venue that's also great. The Hawaii Theatre is also nice. And there are so many great places in Japan.



Herb Ohta Jr.

How has music enriched your life?

It's therapeutic for me. Even though it's my livelihood and my career, with-

Music is a roller coaster ride of emotions — it makes you laugh, it makes you cry, it makes you smile, and that's healthy for people. People need that. Music just fills one's life with a lot of joy no matter what I think overall.

What advice would you give to musicians from your years of experience in the business?

Get out. Nah. (laughs) Work hard and be true to yourself. Also, try not to become a person that you're not and don't imitate anyone. Just be true to yourself and be yourself because that's when you become truly valuable and heartfelt.

How much of your time is spent on the road touring?

I'd have to say 60 percent is here and 40 percent is away.

Where is your biggest fan base, aside from Hawaii?

The Mainland on the West Coast and Japan. I have a fan club in Japan and I can't really believe it. I don't understand.

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learned to play *Hapa* mother, and it seems off — as he released *Ukulele Journey*, this

What makes Ohta's album special is the guest musicianship, including Jon Yamasaki, Aweau, Noel Okimura, Guerrero, Ken Lykka, Kauakahi, Daniel H. "What I'm excited about with two musicians' album," Ohta. "Barry, I've really done something with Mo special to me."

When Ohta decided on this album, which is the Makaha Sons, it was fun to have him be a part of it. He did remake with Kauakahi. "I always loved the album," Ohta. "High School grad." "The album of Niihau is one of the best pieces of music today, and it's from Kauakahi because of the group."

The album includes Ohta's own (Ohta), six covers and collaborations, which are collectively age fueled by his creative imagination.

Besides composing, Ohta also spends as much time in classes either at Hawaii or at homes. Ohta's goal is to spread Hawaii's music, its culture, to people all over the world.

For more info about the album, visit bohtajr.com

THE LOWDOWN



**G Dehnert
aka G-Spot**

Age: 27

Music occupation: DJ and Promoter

How did you get into the music business?

Well, my parents met at music school in college. I have two older brothers and a twin sister. We all played two to four instruments. Then house music started popping in Chicago, so I naturalized music on the turntables. Then I would deejay at clubs — get paid, doing music, loving it — so naturally I wanted to scream (promote) that any way I could. Can't stop now, so I do some promotions now too: www.thelovefestival.com, www.chinatowngetdown.com, www.double-o-spot.com

Places you can be spotted? Ala Moana Beach Park working out.

Monday: Bowling with Rick Rock at Aiea

Bowl

Wednesdays: deejaying at Acid Wash Wednesdays at Next Door

Thursdays: deejaying at Boardriders '80s night

Fridays: DJ and promote Get Fresh Fridays at Indigo. Not spotted but heard, I'm on from 6-9 p.m. on KTUH 90.3 Digital Cable, unless I am out of town.

Upcoming/ongoing gigs? Fridays at Indigo; Univibe Saturday, Sept. 8 at Pipeline featuring Richard Humpty Vission, 20 other DJs and bands; Saturday, Oct. 13 C&C Music Factory, The Cover Girls and Seduction at Pipeline and a lot more.

Where is the best local spot for great music? Man, hard to say, so many little gems for dif-

ferent styles and favorite, even events there.

What's your favorite music? Hmmm ... I like each one does classic soul, d hip-hop, Prince, George Clinton stop 'cause I

Biggest music moment? hearing in second grade clearly again a an accomplice

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