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Aloha!

I am writing to ask for your kooka to keep Hawaiian music alive.

The nonprofit Arts Education for Children Group (AECG) partners with the Hawaii Institute for Music Enrichment and Learning Experiences (HIMELE) to produce the Maui Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival each year. This free, three-day event is held at the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel, and this year it will take place from April 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>.

A celebration of the music created with Hawaii's only indigenous instrument, this event serves to present, preserve, and perpetuate the Hawaiian steel guitar. It features master players in performances, presentations, workshops, and jam sessions alongside Hawaiian cultural exhibits, arts and crafts, and activities. In addition, teams of musicians will visit several Maui schools before the festival to encourage the next generation to participate. Please see [www.mauisteelguitarfestival.com](http://www.mauisteelguitarfestival.com) for more information.

### **How You Can Help**

To generate financial support for this free festival, we will be hosting a silent auction during the event. If you choose to donate an item, we will provide 20 complimentary tickets for you to distribute! Your business will be also acknowledged during a worldwide live broadcast of the event on [www.steelradio.com](http://www.steelradio.com). Donations can be picked up from your gallery or store, or they can be sent to AECG, P.O. Box 10756 Lahaina, HI 96761.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions at 808-283-3576 or [bryantneal808@gmail.com](mailto:bryantneal808@gmail.com). Any and all donations are greatly appreciated, and I hope to see you at the festival!

Sincerely,

Bryant Neal, Founder / Executive Director  
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