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The Voices of Aloha's *Bon Voyage* Concert Before 13-day East Coast Tour

- WHO:** The Voices of Aloha, the touring choir of The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
WHAT: *For You, A Lei*, a concert program of choral music, hula, and 'ukulele
WHEN: Friday, June 3, 2016, 7:30 pm
WHERE: Orvis Auditorium on UH Mānoa's campus, 2411 Dole St, Honolulu, Hawai'i
TICKETS: All performances are free although an offering will be taken
INFO: Dr. Miguel Felipe, conductor, 617-975-3479, mfelipe@hawaii.edu

THE VOICES of ALOHA (VoA) presents their complete tour program for home audiences in Honolulu on Friday, June 3 in UH Mānoa's Orvis Auditorium. The ensemble features more than two dozen of UH's most select singers and tours every two years as musical ambassadors UH and Hawai'i. Under the director of UH professor Dr. Miguel Ángel Felipe, this year's program presents selections from Hawai'i, the Pacific Rim, and Western repertoire. The event will also include hula and 'ukulele.

In his welcome letter, Hawai'i's Governor David Ige describes the Voices of Aloha as "ambassadors of aloha" and "representatives of our very best in choral music." Their 2016 program, *For You, A Lei*, paints a musical portrait of modern Hawaiian identity where East meets West and sunny Aloha meets a challenging history.

Speaking about the trip, UH associate professor of music and director of choral activities Dr. Miguel Ángel Felipe explains, "we've been preparing for many months and are excited to take to the East Coast a program most certainly never heard outside of our islands." Indeed, the program includes works from Hawai'i, China, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, and Tahiti as well as from the US and Europe. The works are sung in as many languages, all coached by native speakers.

The students and alumni that comprise the VoA come from around the Pacific, Hawai'i, and the mainland. They represent working professionals as well as students. For their inaugural tour in 2014, the group toured The Philippines for ten days. In 2016, they'll perform in Montréal, Quebec; Burlington, Vermont; Portland and Gorham, Maine; Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts; New Haven, Connecticut; and New York City, New York. Events include public concerts, educational high school workshops, clinics with prominent conductors, and a visit to a correctional facility in New York City.

For more information about the ensemble including a concert calendar, press photos, repertoire, and personnel, visit: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/music/VoA>.

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