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JONNY LANG HEADLINES KONA BREWING CO. BLUES MELE

Kailua-Kona, Big Island of Hawaii — Jonny Lang, one of the most influential young musicians in today's blues world, returns to Hawaii's Big Island Saturday, May 7, for an outdoor concert at Kona Brewing Company's Brewhouse Oasis. Lang is the headline act for Blue Rooster Production's four-island 9th annual Hawaiian Islands Rhythm & Blues Mele presented by Kona Brewing Company. Gates open at 5 p.m., and the music begins at 6:30 p.m. The show also will rock Maui Arts & Cultural Center May 6, Kauai Memorial Convention Hall May 11 and Pipeline Café on Oahu May 12 and 13.

The first time Lang performed in Hawaii, he opened for the Rolling Stones. Since then, this explosive young guitarist has been featured on MTV and has performed throughout the United States and abroad, including at Disney World and at the White House for the President with B.B. King. This year's tour features Lang with his new band, complete with drums/ percussion, bass, electric violin, mandolin and piano. Lang himself will be jamming on electric, slide and acoustic guitars.

Lang has been called a once-in-a-generation blues talent. His 1997 debut, *Lie to Me*, jumped to the top of the new artist album charts, and critics marveled at the poise and maturity the 16-year-old artist displayed. Since that first album's release, he has been on the road touring with Aerosmith, The Rolling Stones, B.B. King and Blues Traveler, as well as headlining around the world. The release of his latest CD in 2003, *Long Time Coming*, has sparked a new wave of raving reviews for Lang's blues finesse.

Kona Brewing Company will tap up a selection of its handcrafted beers, and the brewpub's famous pizza will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the gate, if available. Advance tickets are available at Kona Brewing Company and Mele Kai Music in Kona; Byrds Audio in Waimea; MJS Music, CD Wizard, Kipuka Smoke Shop and Hilo Guitar in Hilo; and True Value Hardware in Volcano. For more information on the Big Island show call Kona Brewing Company, 808-334-2739 or 334-1133. For general information on the Rhythm & Blues Mele call 808-896-4845.

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