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**SLACK KEY ARTIST MAKANA ENTERTAINS AT KONA BREWPUB**

*Kailua-Kona, Hawaii's Big Island* — Slack key guitar superstar Makana will dazzle Kona Brewing Company guests with his musical prowess on Sunday, September 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. Makana is a special guest at the brewpub's Sunday Sunset, coming directly from the Big Island Slack Key Guitar Festival planned at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort earlier in the day.

The Slack Key Guitar Festival profiles Makana as one of the youngest slack key artists who is admired for his energy, finesse, creativity and technique on the guitar. His first CD release, entitled "Makana" (meaning gift), is a reflection of the energy and creativity of this "gifted" artist. Makana has released two additional CDs, "KoiAu" and "Ki Ho'alu," and all have received great reviews. A protégé of the late Sonny Chillingworth, Makana's style is reminiscent of such great artists as Cat Stevens and Arlo Guthrie. He personifies the direction of slack key music in this new millennium and ensures it a definite spot on the world music scene.

Kona Brewing Company is a sponsor of the Big Island Slack Key Festival and will celebrate slack key music throughout the month at its Sunday Sunsets: John Keawe will play September 17 and Nick Borho will entertain guests September 24.

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