

Intangible Cultural Heritage at the Smithsonian presents

Kālepa Baybayan & the Polynesian Voyaging Society



The Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage

When: **12:30-1:30pm** on **Thursday, May 26, 2016**

Where: Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, 600 Maryland Ave SW, Suite 2001, Washington, D.C. 20024

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Abstract:

The legendary Polynesian voyaging canoes Hōkūle‘a and Hikianalia are sailing across Earth’s oceans to join and grow the global movement toward a more sustainable world. Using traditional wayfinding navigation, the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage has been hailed as an international model for cultural revitalization and education. During the Hōkūle‘a’s port in Washington, D.C., captain and senior navigator Kālepa Baybayan will give a presentation about the voyage at the Smithsonian’s Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. The Smithsonian additionally celebrates the worldwide voyage with a [film screening](#) (May 27) and the “[Mālama Honua: Hōkūle‘a Worldwide Voyage Celebration](#)” at the National Museum of the American Indian (May 28-29).

Bio:

Born and raised in Lahaina, Maui, Chad Kālepa Baybayan first sailed on Hōkūle‘a in 1975 and has sailed on all major Hōkūle‘a voyages since. Kālepa has served as captain on Hōkūle‘a as well as voyaging canoes Hawai‘iloa and Hōkūalaka‘i. He was the Site Director of Honuakai, the Exploration Sciences Division of the ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, which teaches the Hawaiian Language to participants that crew aboard the Hōkūalaka‘i. He currently serves as the Navigator in Residence at the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i developing wayfinding activities, curriculum materials, and conducting outreach. In 2007, Kālepa was initiated into the order of Pwo, the two-thousand-year-old society of deep-sea navigators in Micronesia, along with four other Hōkūle‘a navigators by their teacher Mau Piailug on the island of Satawal in Micronesia.

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