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Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom Joins National Arts Foundation Board

VANCOUVER, Wash., (October 15, 2014) -Five-time Grammy nominee and winner of more than 22 Na Haka Hanohano awards, Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom (Native Hawaiian) has been selected to join the Native Arts and Culture Foundation (NACF) Board of Directors.

The nonprofit foundation promotes Native Hawaiian, American Indian and Alaska Native arts and cultures nationwide and is led by a Board of Directors who have a wealth of experience advancing the arts for all audiences. "We are building on the momentum of our first five years of programming in Hawai'i and beyond," said NACF President/CEO T. Lulani Arquette (Native Hawaiian). "Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom brings leadership and talent to the board helping to ensure that Indigenous arts and cultures flourish in Hawai'i and across the Unites States."

Singer and composer Gilliom has delighted communities in Hawai'i and audiences in Europe, Japan, China and across America. She has opened for renowned artists such as Diana Krall, Earth Wind and Fire, Carlos Santana, Boz Scaggs, Joe Cocker and many more. Her upcoming releases include a reunion album with Willy K. available on Nov. 11, and a solo album that will feature a duet with Michael McDonald, formerly of The Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan. Before launching her career, Gilliom earned a BFA from United States International University School of Performing and Visual Arts in San Diego.

She is the granddaughter of internationally renowned Native Hawaiian actress and singer Jenny Napua Woodd, one of the original Royal Hawaiian Hula dancers and a choreographer in Hollywood. "My grandmother was one of the most influential people in my life," said Gilliom. "I am thrilled to be joining the NACF Board to help perpetuate native arts and cultures. I can think of no better way to honor the contributions she made."

The foundation has awarded a total of \$350,000 in Hawai'i since it opened its doors in 2009, and has supported American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian individual artists, organizations and communities in 21 other states as well. This year, Native Hawaiian artists honored with 2014 NACF Artist Fellowships include multimedia installation artist Kaili Chun, kumu hula Patrick Makuakane, kumu hula Micah Kamohoali'i and singer/songwriter Keola Beamer. For more information about the Native-led organization, visit: [www.nativeartsandcultures.org](http://www.nativeartsandcultures.org).

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