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Artist Statement

The project objective is to capture, to preserve. The collection is entitled “Kai Hohonu” (ocean depth) and reflects a personal passion. Often, I am in the water at sunrise or sunset with aquatic-camera gear, waiting for the unique split second of time to capture the lighting, the movement, the colors, and the depth, to preserve the majesty of Hawai‘i. Hawaiian waters are always in motion and the light is ever changing. Some of the best shots are when you are literally in the wave and personally experience the colors, texture, and movement. No two moments are ever the same. There is a continuous depth of beauty, mystery and power. As a local boy, surfing, paddling and sailing, I have a deep respect and appreciation for the waters of Hawai‘i. It is a privilege to preserve and share these moments of natural beauty and to encourage us to malama ka ‘aina.

Each individual ocean wave is unique and majestic in terms of its shape, action, color, and lighting. No two waves are ever the same. Jacques Cousteau said that the “sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever”. The ocean and the beauty of Hawai‘i are my continual source of inspiration, wonder, and peace. My photography is fueled by a passion to preserve and share the natural beauty of these fleeting moments.

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