

EVERYDAY LOCAL

Mark Yamanaka & Kellen Paik

At-A-Glance

Their moniker is new but **Mark Yamanaka** and **Kellen Paik** are no strangers to the Hawaiian music scene. Individually, they are multi Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winners: Mark for his 3 albums as a soloist, and Kellen for his 8 albums as half of the duo, Kūpaoa, and as a producer. The two have had a professional relationship for over a dozen years and they have been friends for even longer. When the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily stalled their live performances, they were both in need of a creative outlet. Recording a project together had always been a dream of theirs so they decided to go for it.

Though they may be known best for their musical accomplishments, **Mark** and **Kellen** are multi-faceted with an array of interests, many of them rooted in their childhoods as kids of local families. Coming together as a "new group" gave them a chance to reinvent themselves and redefine their sound. For this album, they assembled a group of songs that showcased their eclectic musical tastes; tunes that did not necessarily fit into the images that they had carved out for themselves as Mark Yamanaka and Kūpaoa but selections that still represented them and their local upbringings.

Everyday Local is the result of this first effort by these two local, everyday guys who have an enduring love for the music of Hawai'i. The 13-song collection reflects their love of family and for the islands that they call home, an album that they hope will be embraced by people who share their love for good, local music in their everyday lives.



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