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MY SURFING ROOTS... I started surfing for the most part when I was living in Waikiki. I had always loved surfing and the surfing culture as I was growing up near the beach and spending much of my free time around water. I had always had many friends that were surfers and I was, I guess, a bit more into diving.

When I was living in Walkiki, the waves, water, and weather were just too inviting, so I borrowed a board and paddled out to see what it was all about! Ever since then, I have been hooked! While attending UH, some friends and I would ride mopeds down to Walkiki between classes and surf as much as possible. Since then, I have always made sure I make time in my schedule to surf when conditions are right.

ARTIST IN THE MIAKING... When I was younger and would spend afternoons with my grandmother (who was an artist), we would always do something involving art and usually different mediums.

I have a few other artists in my family as well, so I guess I was around it a lot and just loved to draw and spend my free time creating. It wasn't until I was much older that I really decided that I should make a run at making art a career as well. I enrolled at University of Hawai' at Manoa and received my Bachelors degree in Fine Art there. At the time, I was working as a captain and dive master out of Haleiwa and decided to take the leap of faith. I quit my job and focused 100% of my attention and time into making, marketing and selling my art. That was about 6 years ago.

I was inspired in my art when I was going to UH and pursuing my degree in Fine Arts and focusing almost completely on print making: intaglio, screenprint, linocuts and more. When I graduated, I realized how hard it was to work in some of these mediums from a home based studio because of size, equipment, etc.

I started to focus on how I could bring my love of printmaking to a more user friendly (for someone living in a 400 square foot house) medium, so my style was really born from there. As far as other inspirations, Andy Davis, Thomas Campbell, Paul Klee, Hudertwasser, and Shepard Fairey, are a few. Also, just the beautiful islands that we live in are such an inspiration at all times of the day.

As a child, I was able to let all my creativeness loose within my family. They have always been very supportive of the decisions that I have made in my life.

My mom still makes it to almost every show I do and has been cataloging my career since the beginning.

OTHER ARTISTIC PASSIONS...

recent years, I have created some poster and event art for The Triple Crown of Surfing, The Women's Pipeline Pro, The Honolulu Surf Film Festival, and The Kokua Festival, to name a few.

My husband and I have also created a small clothing line called High Tide which has been really fun. We also have our company, Green With Aloha, that focuses on making art-covered items that can help the environment such as re-usable water bottles, re-usable grocery bags and picture frames made out of 100% reclaimed materials that are all from old homes here on the North Shore. I recently released some I Phone cases with a company called Tru Protection that are made out of 100%postconsumer recycled plastics and made here in the USA as well. A percentage of each sale goes to charities like Surfrider Foundation, Kokua Foundation and Living Beyond Breast cancer.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & SPONSORSHIPS...

I have been deeply involved with the Kokua Foundation for the past 4 years or so and have done many projects with them including Plastic Free Haleiwa, Plastic Free Hawai'i and Plastic Free Schools. My life has become so busy in the past few years that I have a lot less time to physically be present for many programs, but we have been donating art on a weekly+ basis to different charities worldwide for the past few years. I think we have helped a lot of programs and charities out.

FUTURE PLANS... I don't think too much about the future because I am usually busy trying to squeeze every minute out of the present day! I hope to keep creating art that makes people happy and puts a smile on their faces for years to come. Most likely, I will be travelling to some new areas for my art and to surf. I am just so content in the now currently, that I know the future will be just as great!

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