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Matson to be Honored as Kama‘āina of the Year 2018

Honolulu, HI: HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION will recognize MATSON as the 2018 Kama‘āina of the Year™.

Matson will be honored at an award presentation on Saturday, September 22, 5:30 p.m. at the Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort, in Waikiki.

Matson is being recognized for its 136 years of providing service to the Hawaiian Islands, and its role in establishing some of the most beloved historic buildings in Honolulu, including the Moana Surfrider and Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

“Ever since Captain William Matson sailed his three-masted schooner *Emma Claudina* from San Francisco to Hilo in 1882, the Matson fleet has been a part of Hawaii’s support system and connection to the rest of the world,” said Kiersten Faulkner, executive director of Historic Hawaii Foundation. “The company has been part of events in Hawaii for over 130 years and contributed to many of the historic communities that make Hawai‘i unique. They have shaped the waterfront, helped establish the tourism industry, supplied the plantation economies of the previous two centuries, and continue to provide a lifeline of supplies for the islands.”

Historic Hawaii Foundation’s Kama‘āina of the Year™ award was established in 1988 to honor individuals or organizations who have contributed to preserving Hawaii’s rich history and perpetuating the essence of Hawaii. The Kama‘āina of the Year program honors community members who have made unique and lasting contributions to preservation of Hawaii’s historic places and culture. The award will be presented at the 44th annual fundraising benefit to support the programs and services of Historic Hawaii Foundation.

“Matson is proud of its Hawaii heritage and we are honored to receive this recognition from Historic Hawaii Foundation,” said Matt Cox, Chairman and CEO of Matson.

The Kama‘āina of the Year™ event includes a cocktail hour, dinner, tribute to the honoree and musical entertainment. Sponsorships and individual tickets are available for purchase at www.historichawaii.org, or by contacting Historic Hawaii Foundation at (808)523-2900 or via email: koy@historichawaii.org.

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The Kama‘āina of the Year™ Award

Historic Hawai‘i Foundation (HHF) annually honors individuals or organizations that have contributed to preserving Hawaii’s rich history. The Kama‘āina of the Year™ event furthers HHF’s mission to preserve and encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, sites, and communities.

Historic Hawai‘i Foundation is a statewide non-profit organization that encourages the preservation of historic buildings, sites, communities and objects relating to the history of Hawai‘i. Founded in 1974, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation has become the driving force behind historic preservation in the state through its core programs of developing a community ethic of historic preservation, supporting smart legislation, and providing technical assistance to make preservation accessible. www.historichawaii.org