 Internationally acclaimed poet, Kealoha will perform his poetry and talk to the audience about his journey from nuclear physicist to slam poet. The performance and discussion will explore how the fabric of epic poetry is interwoven with the science of today, etching the story of the most serious issue of our time — the threat of global climate change. Drawing from diverse sources, Kealoha delves into how science and culture couple to address universal questions that have challenged humans from the very beginning: "Where do we come from and where do we go from here?"

Kealoha is the first Poet Laureate of Hawai’i. As an internationally acclaimed poet and storyteller, he has performed throughout the world. Kealoha graduated with honors from MIT with a degree in Nuclear Physics (and a minor in writing), served as a business consultant in San Francisco, and played around as a surf instructor prior to becoming a professional poet in 2002. He started touring Hawai’i’s schools, performing at assemblies and conducting classroom workshops throughout the islands. After 3 years of spreading the artform of slam poetry, he realized the need for a place where teenagers could call home for exploring their voices. Kealoha applied for some grants and used the money that he received to found Youth Speaks Hawai’i, a local branch of the national Youth Speaks organization. He employed other poets to teach free weekly workshops to Hawai’i’s youth. As a solo artist, he continues to visit schools, libraries, and community centers to expose both youths and adults to slam poetry. To this date, Kealoha has been hired by over 200 distinct institutions throughout the state of Hawai’i, not counting his global travels, and maintains a regular schedule of workshop and assembly visits.

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