

## KEILANA BIOGRAPHIE

### Short Form (79 words)

Keilana is an award-winning independent artist from Honolulu, Hawaii rapidly garnering worldwide attention and success. Best known for her eclectic "one woman band" live-loop performances, her versatile artistry, and as the Hawaiian queen of soul, she captivates audiences far and wide with her magnetic smile and charisma. She's actively grown across social platforms, proving that she is a dynamic force. This island girl is ready to win the hearts of audiences worldwide and show everyone what she can do.

### Medium Form (224 Words)

Keilana was born and raised in Honolulu, HI. She graduated from The University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. From 2012-2019 she worked as a music teacher by day and a gigging artist at night. She took the plunge from cover artist to full-fledged songwriter in 2018, releasing her first single *Cotton Candy Feelings*, a neo-soul groove with heavy, deep melancholic lyrics. She caught the attention of music supervisors at a Hawaii songwriting immersive retreat in 2019, where she entered into the magical realm of sync. She was the first of her cohort to receive two placements in the first try. The following year, she co-wrote songs with a handful of different writers including legendary songwriter and artist, Kenny Loggins. During the 2020 lockdown, Keilana doubled down on her artistry and transitioned into fully diving into live streaming. This is where her audience grew in numbers, elevating her to the status of influencer amongst other local musicians and viewers. She completed her first album and released it on October 20, 2020 where it peaked at #2 on the iTunes R&B Charts. The following year she won *Most Promising Artist* and *R&B Album Of The Year* at the Na Hoku Hanohano Awards. She also was inducted into the National Recording Academy of The Arts and is a proud Grammy member.

## Long Form (414 words)

At the young age of 6, her parents discovered her musical talents and made it their mission to foster her abilities. A *Kamehameha Schools* graduate (2012), she seized all the music opportunities possible— becoming a winning song contest director, landing the lead role of *Maria* in the spring musical of *West Side Story*, and receiving scholarships to continue her studies at *The University of Hawaii at Manoa*. By 18, she realized she had the ability of *perfect pitch*, allowing her to pick up tunes with ease. By 19, she was playing nightly at all of Hawaii's hottest restaurants, bars, and lounges while working as a music teacher at her old high school . By 24, she released her first original, *Cotton Candy Feelings* which was well-received and even reached audiences abroad. Her song placed on curated playlists, and made it all the way to the east coast, charting on New York R&B/Soul Radio. From that point on, she realized that her career and passion was in performing and creating new music. In 2020, her first debut album of original songs, *I Am* was named R&B Album of The Year and granted her the title as Most Promising Artist (Na Hoku Hanohano Awards 2021). In 2021, she went viral for singing at *Liane V and Don Benjamin's* star-studded wedding catapulting her to becoming Hawaii's most-sought after wedding musician. Since then, she's sung hundreds of beautiful couples down the aisle, entertained guests for numerous special occasions, and has become a hot commodity in the live event scene. In 2022, her mission was to finally perform the debut album to audiences, since live performance was brought to an abrupt halt during the project's release. In April of 2022, she performed at renowned showroom *Bluenote Waikiki* for the first time as a headliner, selling out two shows. Later that year, she opened for *Anuhea* at *The Republik*. Then, in September, after winning a nation-wide Instagram contest, she got to open and sing a duet-version of the hit song "Consider Me" with Soul/R&B Singer *Allen Stone*. She wrapped an amazing year going on her first west-coast tour as direct support for local star, *Anhuea's ALL IS BRIGHT 2022 Tour*. In 2023, she plans to release tons of new music, land a record deal, play more headlining shows, tours, and festivals, and hopes to share Hawaii with the world. Her dream is to see and explore the world through sharing music and inspiring others to share and create their own stories.