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Voice of the Sea features **Hōkūle‘a’s Historic Voyage and Homecoming**

The television series *Voice of the Sea* will feature the inspirational Hōkūle‘a voyage and homecoming on Sunday, August 27 at 6:00pm.

In this historic episode, we celebrate with original Hōkūle‘a builder and crew member John Kruse, navigator Ka‘iulani Murphy, science specialist Anuschka Faucci, chief operations officer Heidi Guth, and other important crew members at the Mālama Honua celebration in Honolulu. After sailing over 40,000 miles using only the stars to guide them, the voyaging canoe Hōkūle‘a and its crew members arrived back on the shores of O‘ahu over three years after departing on the historic worldwide voyage.

Voice of the Sea, a weekly 30-minute television series produced by the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant Center for Marine Science Education (CMSE) and the College of Education’s Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG), shares stories of scientific, environmental, and cultural work in the Pacific. *Voice of the Sea* aims to engage the community in environmental and societal issues in an exciting, original way, inspire an interest in ocean science, and strengthen viewers’ relationships with the ocean and planet. Episodes air at 6pm Sundays on KFVE (K5 The Home Team) and are online at voiceofthesea.org.

Episode 30-second promo: <https://vimeo.com/230296115>

Full episode: *Voice of the Sea: Hōkūle‘a Returns*, premieres August 27, 2017 at 6pm HST on KFVE

***Voice of the Sea*, winner of prestigious Telly Awards**

Since the inception of the show in 2014, *Voice of the Sea* has produced 67 individual episodes and has won fourteen Telly Awards, which are the premier awards honoring outstanding content for television, cable, digital and streaming, and non-broadcast distribution.

This year, *Voice of the Sea* was selected for three bronze Telly Awards out of a highly competitive field of over 12,000 entries from all 50 states and 5 continents, including ad agencies, production companies, TV stations, cable companies, and corporate video departments. The 37th annual Telly Award committee and the Silver Telly Council, which judged the entries, were comprised of top industry professionals and past winners of Silver Tellys.

Award winners

In 2017, *Voice of the Sea* won Bronze Telly Awards for three different episodes:

Mapping the Freshwater of Hawai‘i which highlights how scientists use chemical signatures to track the flow of freshwater underground and into the ocean as part of the ‘Ike Wai project’s work to map and model the aquifer system of underground, stored freshwater in Hawai‘i.

Vimeo promo: <https://vimeo.com/204255861>

Vimeo full episode: <https://vimeo.com/206333681>

Intertidal algae and invertebrates which focuses on different types of algae and invertebrates with researchers from the OPIHI project, who are working with teachers and students around the state of Hawai‘i to monitor the health of the intertidal environment.

Vimeo promo: <https://vimeo.com/207358801>

Vimeo full episode: <https://vimeo.com/208440329>

Knowledge of the Past which travels to the island of Moorea, French Polynesia to highlight the Te Pu 'Atiti'a Center and how it is helping to perpetuate local knowledge and traditions. The elders discuss the changes to the ocean in their lifetime and how those changes have affected life in the water and on the land.

Vimeo Promo: <https://vimeo.com/189110684>

Vimeo Full Episode: <https://vimeo.com/192591171>

***Voice of the Sea* airs across the Pacific**

Voice of the Sea airs on TV in Hawai‘i as well as in U.S. territories and affiliated Pacific regions: Guam, American Samoa, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands. The TV stations airing *Voice of the Sea* are accessible to 90 percent of the 1.8 million regional population.

For more information and to view past episodes, visit www.voiceofthesea.org. To contact Dr. Seraphin for an interview please call (808) 225-1753 or email Kanesa@hawaii.edu.

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The University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program is part of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s prestigious School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology. It supports an innovative program of research, education, and extension services directed to the improved understanding and stewardship of coastal and marine resources of the state, region and nation. Science serving Hawai‘i and the Pacific since 1968.

The University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant Center for Marine Science Education is dedicated to building partnerships that enhance marine science education at all levels (Kindergarten through graduate school and the public community) in order to foster understanding of the natural world and the role of humans in it.