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**Maui High School's Arts & Communication Academy sophomore students prepare for "Big Ink" Event and preschoolers learn new skills in the visual arts at Hui No'eau**

*Makawao* - Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center is thrilled to welcome 100 sophomore students from Maui High School's Arts & Communication Academy and 50 preschool students (ages 2 – 5) and chaperones from Tutu & Me Preschool's Kihei group.

On Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, preschool students from Tutu & Me Preschool's Kihei group will be participating in a variety of visual arts projects including collage, wax resist watercolor, clay, acrylic croton leaf paintings, and more! The Hui's Preschool Arts Program has welcomed over 350 Maui County students, teachers, and parent and family chaperones in 2016 to experience the benefits of visual arts education. This program is made possible with the generosity of the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation.

The Hui will welcome 100 sophomore students from Maui High School's Arts & Communication Academy on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be 50 students visiting each day. Students will be carving into linoleum blocks and printing them by hand, then touring the Hui's Voyaging Exhibition and grounds.

Maui High School students are gearing up for a very unique printmaking opportunity at the Hui this fall. The Hui is excited to bring artist in residence James Bailey to Maui to work in the Hui's print studio and teach a workshop open to all levels. On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Bailey's residency will culminate with a "Big Ink" Celebration, at which, Bailey will guide teams of volunteers as they assist him in the printing process by inking woodblocks that have been carved by local artists, Hui students, and youth from local schools, such as Maui High School, in the weeks leading up to the event. Everyone in the community will be invited to gather and watch the magic unfold as Bailey prints the woodcuts on cloth or paper by driving over them with a **steamroller!**

**The Hui invites press to join us on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am to document Maui High School students preparing work for the Big Ink Celebration in October AND/OR on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to document 100 students, ages 2.5 – 16, actively creating artwork at Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center.**

Hui No'eau is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, non-degree granting, community-based, member-driven arts education organization offering open access to quality visual arts instruction by professional teaching artists. Please contact Program Director Anne-Marie Forsythe at [annemarie@huinoeau.com](mailto:annemarie@huinoeau.com) or call 808-572-6560 ext. 34 for more information.

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