

Business: From the tender age of four, Pumehana, pronounced pu-may-ha-na in Hawaiian translates to warmth from the heart, was already musically gifted, taking piano lessons and learning to read music. She loved all kinds of instruments and dabbled with the cello and ukulele as well, which helped her learn to play the harp. Although she loved being outdoors surfing or swimming at the beach with friends, Pume was disciplined to her music. She took a more serious interest in the harp when she started learning the Salzedo technique and later took electric harp lessons from Harvi Griffin, the late international jazz harpist. Between part-time jobs and school work, Pume never gave up on her passion for playing the harp and landed her first steady gig as a freshman in high school at the Hotel Hana Maui in 1982. Since then, Pume has built her repertoire and reputation as "Hawaii's most requested harpist" and has been asked to play at popular venues such as Roy's Restaurant, the Banyan Veranda in the Sheraton Moana Surfrider and Duty Free Galleria. She has also been honored to play for Donald Trump, HRH Princess Sayoko of Japan and at MTV's Downtown Julie Brown's wedding.

Play: Dressed in pretty vintage clothing, Pume looks like a porcelain doll playing her harp, mesmerizing crowds enjoying her music. But when she's not on "stage," Pume enjoys nothing more than to relax in her swimsuit, slippers and sunglasses at the beach or the Outrigger Canoe Club with her husband David. Pume is an avid body-boarder and spends a lot of her time staying in shape working out with her personal trainer, Lisa Leblanc, going surfing or canoe paddling. Pume and David enjoy going on long vacations to other countries (they went on a one month trip to Ireland and France the summer before last!) and enjoying good wine and conversation with people.

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Pume's Favorites:

Breakfast Cereal... I don't have cereal.

My ideal breakfast is poi muffin, two eggs over easy, papaya with fruit and coffee

Drink... Depends on the occasion - soy milk, Heineken, Hinano, Italian red wine, California white, Jasmine tea, French champagne, green iced tea,

Music CD... anything by Sting, Cream and Mahi Beamer

Dessert Place... I don't really have a favorite dessert place. My favorite desserts have been Hy's Steak House oversized bon bon - white chocolate with white chocolate mousse & lilikoi center with raspberry coulis, Outrigger Canoe Club's Tahitian vanilla creme brulle

High School... Punahou & Academy of the Pacific

Clothing Store... Goodwill for vintage, Princess Kaiulani for elegant aloha, Tori Richard for upscale aloha, Gap, anywhere my husband fancies, and custom dresses by my sister Lani



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