



## State arts agency announces Art in Public Places Program Director/Hawaii State Art Museum Director

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HONOLULU-The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) announces Kamakani Konia as SFCA Art in Public Places Program Director. As program director, Konia will also be the Director of Capitol Modern (the Hawai'i State Art Museum).

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Kamakani Konia is a Kamehameha Schools and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa alum (BFA, Printmaking), and an MPA candidate in Public Administration at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Social Sciences. 2025 marks his tenth year of working for the State of Hawai'i; eight of those years have been at the SFCA, first as an Exhibits Specialist and then as an Art in Public Places Project Manager. Konia is the first Native Hawaiian SFCA Art in Public Places Program Director.

## Photos



Caption: Left, Kamakani Konia on the Capitol Modern Grand Lanai. Right, Kamakani Konia in the Sculpture Garden of the State Art Museum. Photo credit: State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Download link (Dropbox): [SFCA Photos Kamakani Konia](#)

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## About the SFCA

The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) is Hawai'i's state government arts agency. Established in 1965 by the Hawai'i State Legislature, through the vision and effort of Hawai'i leaders, the creation of a state arts agency made Hawai'i eligible to receive federal grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), newly established on September 29, 1965. The SFCA is administratively attached to the [Department of Accounting and General Services](#) and funded by the State of Hawai'i and the [National Endowment for the Arts](#).

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