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Engaging the Senses Foundation presents the World Premiere of 'The Story of Everything' at the Maui Film Festival

HONOLULU, HI (June 22, 2022) — The world premiere of *The Story of Everything*, a theater performance written and conceived by Hawai'i Poet Laureate Kealoha, and now a film produced and directed by Engaging the Senses Foundation, illuminates the intersection between science, the environment, the arts, and mindfulness. The film explores humanity's rich and diverse explanations for the origins of life and presents powerful solutions for the continued health of the planet and all beings on it. World premiere July 8th, 8:00 p.m. at the 2022 Maui Film Festival July 6-10th, at Maui Arts and Cultural Center. Tickets can be purchased at www.mauifilmfestival.com

"'The Story of Everything' is my most important work, it's the culmination of everything I have learned throughout life," Kealoha said, founder of the famed HawaiiSlam and MIT nuclear physics graduate. "It took me half my life to study the science behind this piece, half my life to study the art of poetry and storytelling, and about half a decade to actually create this work." Kealoha said.

Kealoha draws upon the talents of supremely accomplished indigenous artists Kau'i Kanaka'ole, master of the 'aiha'a style of hula and oli; Grammy-nominated ukulele virtuoso and composer Taimane; Quadraphonix, a Hawai'i-based freeform world beat band; aerial dancers Jamie Nakama and Jory Horn; the hip-hop artistry of Jonathan Clarke Syper; and the visual art of Solomon Enos, whose work has been exhibited in museums internationally.

"This beautiful story plays a significant role in fulfilling Engaging the Senses Foundation's commitment to help raise awareness for sustainability through illuminating the intersection of the arts and mindfulness," said Mona Abadir, chief executive officer of Engaging the Senses Foundation. "Through big thinking, bold decisions and everyday small efforts that add up to lasting change, 'The Story of Everything' deepens our cross-cultural understanding, reveals our shared universal humanity and educates us about our responsibility to each other and Island Earth," continued Abadir. Learn more at www.storyofeverything.org

About Engaging the Senses Foundation – www.engagingthesensesfoundation.com/

Engaging the Senses Foundation is an educationally oriented non-profit focused on collaborative partnerships, programs and film-making which illuminate the intersection of the arts and mindfulness, with a particular focus on the universal language of poetry. ETSF believes by engaging the senses through the arts and storytelling that equality, social justice, environmental awareness and compassion can be advanced in local communities and around the world.

*Photos and interviews available upon request.