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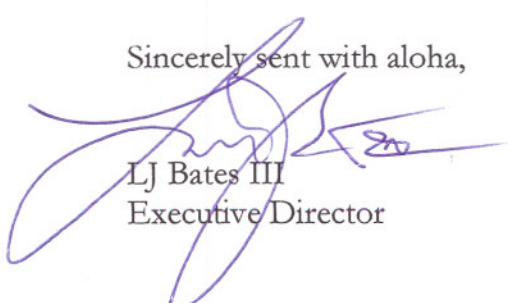
It is with the greatest pleasure that I share my highest accolades for Dawnya Clarine in support of her work as a singer, songwriter and artist. Dawnya has brought such a spirit of beauty, light and energy to Kalani that is still spoken about daily among our staff and volunteers; long after her Artist-In-Residence tenure was completed.

As a performing songwriter, Dawnya was able to find the amazing hidden talents within our community, and brought them to the forefront (and often, to the stage) in both individual interactions and group activities. We realized talents among our Team that we didn't know we had...but Dawnya knew!

Through a series of workshops and her daily interactions, Dawnya was able to connect with each and every member of our Community and touch them in a unique and personal way. For me, she helped me to dream a little more, express a little more and explore my own creativity...and I was not able to attend any of her classes! Her spirit and love of her art was infectious and like me, most were immediately caught in her spell. Her ability to recognize, develop, showcase and celebrate individual talent was a remarkable thing to witness. People were automatically drawn to her and, for those who remained on the 'sidelines,' Dawnya made sure to connect with each and every one.

Any Artist In Residence program would benefit from such a talent. I am extremely proud to know and work with Dawnya and would always welcome her 'home' at Kalani!

Sincerely sent with aloha,



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