

MEDIA ALERT

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Shane Robinson Fine Art Announces Gallery Opening in the Andaz Maui at Wailea

Maui, Hawaii — Shane Robinson, Maui contemporary artist, is excited to announce the opening of Maui's newest contemporary art gallery. The gallery will occupy a prominent space in the lobby of Maui's newest luxury resort, the <u>Andaz Maui at Wailea</u>. The gallery was opened on Friday, January 10th, with a traditional Hawaiian blessing and public reception. In conjunction with the opening, Andaz hosted an invitation-only VIP "<u>Andaz Salon</u>" featuring a personal interview with artist-in-residence and Andaz Cultural Insider, Shane Robinson.

The gallery will showcase photographs taken on the grounds of the resort – in such, they radiate the energy or *mana* cultivated there for centuries. The gallery will be open 24 hours daily.

About the Artwork:

Shane Robinson was commissioned to create a series of original art for the Executive Offices inside the Andaz Maui at Wailea. Upon receiving the artwork, the General Manager approached Shane to develop a gallery that would present the resort's unique aesthetic through the lens of his abstract fine art photography.

Shane moves his camera like a paint brush to capture a unique image that cannot be replicated. Each image is created 'in camera' as a single photograph; there is no computer editing other than cropping or rotation. The familiar Hawaiian Ti plant, for example, takes on an entirely new energy when shot through Shane's lens. Each photograph offers an abstract, ethereal interpretation of iconic Hawaiiana. This creates vibrant, abstract, and unique works of art that are of Hawai'i, yet with a sophisticated, modern appeal.

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About Shane Robinson:

Shane earned his BFA at the University of Iowa, School of Art and Art History, and works out of his Haiku studio on Maui's north shore. He is a rare artist who moves seamlessly between traditional mediums, such as acrylic painting and furniture building, and digital tools, such as ICM photography and iPad apps. His iPhoneography piece, *Gingered Torso*, was selected for the 1st International Mobile Photo Awards in 2012.

His art is in the permanent collection of the state of Hawai'i and is collected throughout the U.S. and Canada. He has exhibited in San Francisco, Irvine, Miami, Honolulu, and Maui. Page 2 of 2

About Andaz:

Andaz offers an environment free of barriers, where ideas are exchanged and encouraged. Each hotel features indigenous designs capturing the sights, sounds and tastes of its surrounding area. Our spaces, food, artwork and events bring an authentic, intimate feeling that you're in a place quite unlike anywhere else in the world. The Andaz Maui at Wailea is the brand's first resort property and is Hawaii's only LEED certified hotel. (LEED: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

About Andaz Salon:

From artists and designers to films and concerts, Andaz Salon, with its Cultural Insiders and contributors, brings the creative spirit of Andaz to you through evocative content and inspiring live events.

For more information on Shane Robinson Fine Art, visit ShaneRobinson.com.

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