Tui'one Pulotu was only 20 years old when he came from Tonga to help carve tiki at the brand-new Polynesian Cultural Center. Soon after arriving, he became intrigued with Hawaiian tikis he saw at the then-new Ala Moana Center in Honolulu and started to teach himself to carve. Pulotu had already carved several heroic-sized tikis and went on to create many other tikis, numerous Polynesian buildings at the Cultural Center, and more recently a series of strikingly beautiful, traditionally styled Polynesian voyaging canoes.

Gordon ‘Umialiloalahanaokalakaua Kai ("Umi" to his friends) crafted his first Hawaiian weapon over thirty years ago. Made from the wood of a mango tree and ringed with shark teeth, his first leiomanono or “lei of the shark,” is still with him. With over thirty years of experience learning about and crafting na mea Hawai‘i, including na mea kaua (things of war), Umi is part of a small group of Native Hawaiian artists trying to perpetuate the craft of making tools and weapons that were once essential to survival.

Raymond Nakama was born in California, raised in ‘Ewa Beach, O‘ahu, with paternal ties to Maui. Ray is a master of the fine art of ‘ie‘ie weaving and more. His interest in Hawai‘i and Hawaiian implements came in 1986 while employed at Hula Supplies on King and Isenberg Street. Raymond’s incredible graphic arts ability allows him to create highly detailed reproductions of helmets, baskets, fishhooks, weapons, poi pounders, feather work and cordage.

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Kapuaisholeiaiakapono Aluli Souza was born and raised in Kailua, O‘ahu. He learned lomilomi at a young age from his grandmother Irmgard Farden Aluli and has practiced as a traditional and professional therapist since 1995. He currently teaches traditional lomilomi bodywork in Hawaii and on the mainland.

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