



Mango and Lilikoi Productions

Joanie Collins (Villaverde)

**Violin/fiddle, viola, piano/keyboards,
ukulele, bass, vocals**

Joanie Collins is a well known musician from Kailua-Kona, HI who is also popular in Santa Barbara/ Ventura, California.

Best known for her expressive and energetic streams of music on the electric violin, and widely recognized as the driving force behind the group “Mango”, she has created a new group and a new sound with the band “Lilikoi Jam”.

Joanie plays and sings music as diverse and open to interpretation as her talents and background. She is a multi-instrumentalist and has an enchanting voice which lends itself well to Hawaiian, Irish, and Jazz vocal stylings.

Joanie's parents are both concert violinists and music professors, so she grew up in a raffied atmosphere of classical music - studying piano, violin and ballet.

She studied and performed with her parents and in Wash. DC, Paris, NYC, and LA before moving to Kona to raise a family, open a Performing Arts school, and to embrace the Hawai`ian music, it's history, and the Hawai`ian culture. Joanie has performed with the Maui Symphony Orchestra, as concert mistress on Lana`i, also with the Honolulu Symphony and the Salt Lake City Symphony, and she was a founding member of the Kona Chamber Orchestra, the String Beings, and the Magic Strings.

She has played with Hawaiians Unlimited, Island Rhapsody, and the all woman rock and roll band, “Tsunami!”

Her group “Mango”, a duo with Carl Villaverde, has played over the past 15 years at festivals, concerts, and resorts on all the Hawaiian Islands and all over California as well as at the winter 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City. “Mango” was hired as the house band in 1999 at the newly opened Four Seasons Hualalai. The CD “Hapa Haole Hulas”, which Carl and Joanie released in December 2006 as “Mango and Lilikoi Productions”, was nominated in the Best Contemporary Hawaiian category for the Hawaii Music Awards in 2008.

While in California, Joanie played at the Crowne Plaza Hotel with her jazz combo “Yummy!” since 2008. She is found in many musical settings – among them is the Irish band “Shenanigans”, and a member of the Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra. “Mango” played at the Beachside Café on Goleta Beach by UCSB every Friday and Saturday nights for almost four years.

Joanie has been performing with a jazz fusion band in Honolulu called “Project Monday” since 2009. You can sometimes catch her in Keauhou at the Ho`oulu Community Farmer's Market where she comes to jam with the other musicians who play at the market!



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"Mango" and "Lilikoi Jam" Delicious music for all occasions

Musician/Teacher ~ Music, Pilates, Yoga

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