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**UH West O'ahu welcomes Distinguished Visiting Scholar Tadashi Nakamura
Director of award-winning *Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings* documentary to host
screening and discussion on March 19**

KAPOLEI --- The University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu welcomes Distinguished Visiting Scholar Tadashi Nakamura, director of the award-winning documentary *Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings*. He will host a screening of the film and a discussion about filmmaking, art and activism at the UH West O'ahu campus on March 19.

Nakamura, a Los Angeles-based filmmaker, was named one of CNN's "Young People Who Rock" for being the youngest filmmaker at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival as well as one of the "30 Most Influential Asian Americans Under 30" by the popular website Angry Asian Man. Nakamura's trilogy of documentary films on the Japanese American experience, *Yellow Brotherhood* (2003), *Pilgrimage* (2007), and *A Song for Ourselves* (2009) have garnered over 20 awards at film festivals around the world with *Pilgrimage* being one of 83 short films out of 7,500 submissions selected for the 2008 Sundance Film Festival.

Nakamura's *Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings* paints a compelling portrait of an inspiring and inventive musician whose virtuoso skills on the ukulele have transformed all previous notions of the instrument's potential. The film won the 2013 Hawai'i International Film Festival Audience Award and Gotham Film Audience Award, and recently aired on PBS.

The *Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings* film screening and discussion with Director Tadashi Nakamura happens Wednesday, March 19 from 12:30-2 p.m. at the UH West O'ahu Campus Classroom Building D237. The event is free and open to the public and made possible by the UH West O'ahu Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program.

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