

# Edith Kanaka'ole

(1892-1926)

## Kumu Hula and Community Leader

**Edith Kanaka'ole was a native Hawaiian composer, chanter, dancer, and champion for the preservation of native Hawaiian culture and arts. Kanaka'ole lead the highly celebrated dance school, Hālau o Kekuhi, where her legacy as a Kumua Hula, or chief practitioner of traditional Hawaiian dance and culture, lives on.**



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