This exhibit was developed by the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center and the Sciencenter in memory of Carl Sagan for the benefit of residents and visitors to Hilo, Hawai‘i.

Artist’s Statement

Solemn toting, this enigmatic sculpture figure encompasses both female and male forms and holds up a portal to another dimension. The Hawaiian name for Alpha Centauri is Kamaileho‘o, “The Maile That Follows.” Kamaileho‘o “follows” Beta Centauri or Kamakilaunu, “The Maile That Leads,” in the constellation Na Kūkūkahi, “The Pointers,” for the Southern Cross. Hinaikamalama. Kamaileho‘o is significant in the Maoli astronomical and navigational tradition and is mentioned in the fourteenth canto of the Hawaiian Creation chant, the Kamalipo‘o.

— Rockey Jensen, Sculptor, September 28, 2012