

Bio of Malia Zimmerman

Introduction:

Raised in Kailua, Hawaii, Malia is an award-winning journalist and producer. She attended private school at *Le Jardin Academy* and *Maryknoll High School*.

Malia graduated from *Chaminade University of Honolulu* with a BA in Journalism and Communications in 1990. After graduating, worked as an Accounts Executive at *McNeil Wilson Communications*. Two years later, she returned to her old high school and spent another two years working in alumni relations, events, and marketing.



Career Timeline – TV:

- In 1996, she landed her first journalist position as a business reporter for *Pacific Business News*. She worked for four years before taking the editor job until 2005 at *Hawaii Parent Magazine*.
- In 2002, Malia began her career as the publisher and editor of *Hawaii Reporter*, a news publication that she founded herself & an online news network focused on serious topics, such as human trafficking & illegal gambling.
- In 2015, she left behind her life in Hawaii. As of 2017, she is an investigative reporter for *Fox News* in the Greater Los Angeles area.
- The main focus of her work is political corruption, homeland security, crime, and terrorism but in the USA and abroad.
- She has worked as a TV producer and host for her inspirational show on Hawaii's CBS affiliate, KGMB, called "You've Got the Power". See the article about it here: <https://www.hawaiireporter.com/youve-got-the-power-this-saturday-on-kgmb-tv-features-hawaiis-inspirational-people/>

Career Timeline – outside of TV:

- Freelance journalist since 2000.
- Published works with *Washington times*, *WSJ*, *People's Magazine*, and *Inside Edition*.
- Collaborated with *Watchdog* and co-produced a report for *ABC 20/20*.
- Makes broadcasts for *KHVH News Radio*.
- In 2014, Malia hosted an inspiration TV series – the show debuted on KGMB and followed the lives of a series of individuals who have achieved a lot, despite major obstacles in their lives.
- Worked alongside co-producers Shaunna Touchi & Irma Baptiste from *Luminescent Productions* to create the 30-minute shows.
- Collaborations with well-known musician and engineer, David Kauahikauan, producing music. They can be found under *Dalia Media* and *Sandalphon*. <https://sandalphonmusic.com/page-3/>

Malia joined with the well-known musician and engineer, David Kauahikaua. In 2020, they released 6 songs under *Dalia Music*. By 2021, they released two music albums together and formed *Sandalphon*. In collaboration, they wrote a song titled "The Littlest Angel." They were nominated for the *Na Hoku* awards.

Awards:

The number of professional accolades to Malia Zimmermann's name add up to make a fairly long list. In June 2012, she attended the Society of Professional Journalists awards dinner where she took home 8 awards, including first place for *Best Investigative Reporting*, *Best Business Reporting*, *Best Online News Reporting*, and *Best Editorial Illustration*.

Her Topic: Her book, *Little Angel* and how there is a Little Angel in each of us.
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