

Will Lydgate Bio
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About Will Lydgate

Will Lydgate is a leader in the new Hawaiian specialty chocolate industry. A chocolate educator, Ag-Tourism pioneer, and farmer of chocolate that has been rated among the best in the world by the Cocoa of Excellence Awards, Will speaks on topics that hold the key to transforming our cultural relationship with chocolate and revitalizing agriculture in HI.

Fresh from his Tedx talk titled *Changing the way we think about Chocolate*, Will's mission is to spread the much-needed message that dark chocolate is not only delicious---one of the most powerful health foods known to man, it also holds an important key to the future prosperity of the Hawaiian islands.

Will is from the island of Kauai, HI where his family first emigrated in 1867, making him the fifth-generation of Hawai'i Lydgates. Will hosts popular chocolate farm tours and tastings five days per week at his Steelgrass Farm in Wailua. In addition to chocolate, his farm raises award-winning honey, vanilla, and tropical fruits.

Will is a founding member of the Hawaii Chocolate and Cacao Association and additionally is an accomplished instrumental performer, music producer, and educator.