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ALISON EASTWOOD'S DIRECTORIAL DEBUT "RAILS AND TIES" AT HIFF

HONOLULU – American Actress Alison Eastwood will be presenting her directorial debut RAILS AND TIES at the Hawaii International Film Festival. The October 24th showing will mark the Hawaii premiere of the film, which stars Kevin Bacon and Marcia Gay Harden.

MEDIA ONLY: ALISON EASTWOOD IS ONLY AVAILBLE FOR INTERVIEWS ON OCT. 24 FROM 2 – 5 P.M. TO SECURE YOUR INTERVIEW TIME, PLEASE CONTACT CATHY YASUDA (INTERNATIONAL MEDIA) AT 808-224-2634, MIRANDA CALHOON AT 808-528-3456x119 OR STARR DODS AT 808-358-4658.

RAILS AND TIES

October 24th 6:30 PM, Regal Dole Cannery Cinemas

Tom and Megan Stark always thought there would be time—time to have children, time to take that trip to San Francisco, time to fix the problems in their marriage.

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But Megan's decision to end treatment after a horrific battle with cancer and Tom's inability to face the possibility of losing her, are stealing all the time they have left. Tom buries himself in his work as a commuter train conductor when in a tragic turn of events Tom's train hits a car on the tracks, an accident that, while not his fault, may still cost him his job. Worse, a young woman is dead and her son, Davey, has been left to cope with the loss of his mother, the guilt that he could not save her – not only from the train but from herself – and the anger at the man he holds responsible: Tom Stark. The accident puts the Starks and Davey on their own collision course. But instead of leading to tragedy, this crossing could mean new hope for a woman who has only one chance left to fulfill her dreams, for a man who must learn to open his heart before it's too late, and for a young boy who has never known the true meaning of family.

Director Bio

As an actress, Eastwood recently received praise for her performance as a pool shark's girlfriend in "Poolhall Junkies." She has also had leading roles in such independent films as "Friends & Lovers," "Just a Little Harmless Sex" and "Black and White." Eastwood has also acted on the stage, making her debut in the west coast production of the play "Women in Control," followed by "The Philadelphia Story."

Raised in Carmel, California, Eastwood made her film acting debut at age 11 opposite her father, Clint Eastwood, in the 1984 thriller "Tightrope." She later appeared in the Clint Eastwood-directed features "Absolute Power" and "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." In addition, she sang the famed Johnny Mercer tune "Come Rain or Come Shine" on the soundtrack for "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

"Rails & Ties" began as a film that Eastwood initially intended to produce. However, as the project developed, she became so connected to the material that she wanted to bring the story of these characters to life as a director.

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Festival Information

Filled with insight and discovery, HIFF is dedicated to advancing understanding and cultural exchange among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific and North America since 1981. Each year, more than 70,000 attendees throughout Hawaii viscerally experience the sounds and images of filmmaking from around the world. HIFF is the premiere international film event in the Pacific and has won the praise of governments, filmmakers, scholars, educators, programmers and film industry leaders throughout the world. It is also the primary source for the discovery and exhibition of Asian and Pacific feature films, documentaries and videos in the nation.

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