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HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS NEW KOREAN FILM SECTION

HONOLULU – The 27TH Annual Louis Vuitton Hawaii International Film Festival's (HIFF), the premier international film event in the Pacific showcasing more than 150 feature films, documentaries, shorts and animations, representing countries from around the world, will showcase Korean documentaries.

“The Louis Vuitton Hawaii International Film Festival is one of the most relevant international film festivals, leading all others with its discovery and exhibition of Asian and Pacific films and documentaries,” says Executive Director Chuck Boller. “In addition to the great film line-up, we are thrilled with our new film section, Korean Documentaries.”

Korean Documentaries

AND THEREAFTER II- Hawaii Premeire

October 21, 9:45pm Regal Dole Cannery Cinemas

USA, Korea 2006 | Korean | 56min

Director: Hosup Lee

In the 1980s, the Korean student movement generated powerful anti-American feelings in Korean society. Award-winning filmmaker Hosup Lee continues his exploration into the protracted aftermath of the Korean War with AND THEREAFTER II, the second in his trilogy of documentaries on Korean military brides. The director wonders why it should be - despite anti-U.S. sentiment - that Korean women continue to marry American GIs. In addition, he is curious about what their life is like after their wedding day.

LADY CAMELLIA (DONGBAEK AGASSI)- North America Premeire

October 22, 12:30pm Regal Dole Cannery Cinemas

Korea 2006 | Korean | 77min

Director: Jeong Suk Park

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This documentary follows the life of a 78-year-old leprosy patient, who has spent a lifetime on the island of Sorokdo, a leper colony in South Korea (established by the Japanese during colonial rule). Her difficult life is examined through the lens of female filmmaker Jeong Suk Park, who fixes her gaze on the dark side of Korean society and shows how, with a little consideration from people more fortunate, this woman's life might have been a normal and happy one.

OUR SCHOOL (WOO-RI HAK-KYO)- US Premeire

October 21, 6:45pm Regal Dole Cannery Cinemas; October 25, 12:00pm Regal Dole Cannery Cinemas

Korea 2006 | Korean | 131min

Director: Myeong Joon Kim

OUR SCHOOL captures the director's state of mind as he observes the daily lives of the senior class of the Chosen School in Hokkaido (the majority being 3rd and 4th generation North Koreans living in Japan). The depiction of the students' minor struggles with parents and teachers and the confusion on their faces as they visit Pyeongyang all contribute to a rather weighty pleasure of this film.

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. The festival has premiered such movies as CROUCHING TIGER HIDDEN DRAGON, ONCE WERE WARRIORS, THE PIANO, SHINE, SHALL WE DANCE, Y TU MAMA TAMBIEN, VOLVER, BABEL, THE HOST, JOINT SECURITY AREA and TWILIGHT SAMURAI.

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