



## FACT SHEET

### 2009 HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (HIFF)

The Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF) is dedicated to advancing understanding and cultural exchange among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific, and North America through the medium of film.

#### HIFF

- Is the premiere international film event in the Pacific, established in 1981
- Has won the praise of governments, filmmakers, scholars, educators, programmers, and film industry leaders throughout the world
- Is the largest “East meets West” Film Festival in the United States
- Is the primary source for the discovery and exhibition of Asian and Pacific feature films, documentaries and videos in the nation
- Is one of the Asian movie industry’s gateways to the West
- Is a meeting place for filmmakers and actors – Quentin Tarantino and Katsuhito Ishii met at HIFF and later collaborated on KILL BILL
- Showcases 170+ films, including many world and U.S. premieres
- 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, TWILIGHT SAMURAI, and DEPARTURES (which went on to win the Best Foreign Film Oscar).
- Holds private and public events, an awards presentation, and special film screenings
- Provides free screenings and seminars open to the public
- Conducts free educational programs for primary and secondary students

#### HIFF 2009 OVERVIEW

This year’s theme: An inkblot filled with hidden images with the tagline “What Do You See?” It refers to the idea that you can look at an inkblot and see a big black smudge, or you can see endless possibilities. As such, art, and in this case film, is all a matter of perspective and open to each individual’s own interpretation.

- 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 11 days: October 15–25, 2009
- Venues: Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters, Hawaii Theatre, Royal Hawaiian Theater, Sunset on the Beach in Waikiki, and Palace Theater on the Island of Hawaii
- 175 films from over 35 countries including: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Guam, Germany, Netherlands, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Russia, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand,

Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay.

- 12 films made by Hawaii filmmakers
- Total Attendance: 78,600
- Total Delegates: 237
- Opening Night Film: MOTHER (South Korea) – Director, Bong Joon-Ho
- Centerpiece Film: RED CLIFF (Hong Kong, China) – Director, John Woo
- Closing Night Film: WARRIOR AND THE WOLF (China) – Director, Tian Zhuangzhuang – Actress Maggie Q in attendance
- Total Screenings: 255
- Premieres: 14 World Premieres, 8 International Premieres, 14 North American Premieres, 26 U.S. Premieres

### **HIFF 2009 FILM SECTIONS**

- A Tribute to Madame Kawakita
- After Dark
- American Immigrant Filmmakers on Profile
- American Indies
- Art + Design
- Asian Showcase
- Puma Emerging Filmmaker Award
- Family Fest
- Halekulani Golden Orchid Narrative Feature Presentation
- Halekulani Golden Orchid Documentary Feature Presentation
- Gala Presentations
- Green Screen
- Hong Kong Cinema
- Made in Hawaii
- New Chinese Cinema
- Pacific Panorama
- Reel Life
- Spotlight on India
- Spotlight on Japan
- Spotlight on Korea
- Spotlight on the Philippines
- Spotlight on Okinawa
- Surf Cinema
- Shorts program
- World Cinema

### **HIFF 2009 SPECIAL EVENTS**

- HIFF 2009 Program Launch and Trailer Premiere – Sneak Peek of IP MAN. September 30, 2009
- Opening Day Press Conference at RumFire at Sheraton Waikiki. October 15, 2009
- Opening Night Party at Hau Terrace at Halekulani Hotel. October 15, 2009
- Juror Luncheon at Downtown. October 16, 2009
- Vitamin Water tasting after-Shorts film program at HIFF Café. October 16, 2009
- A Tribute to Madame Kawakita Reception at Dole Ballrooms. October 16, 2009
- BARBARIAN PRINCESS Pre-Film Reception at Hawaii Theatre. October 16, 2009
- World Premiere of BARBARIAN PRINCESS at Hawaii Theatre. October 16, 2009

- ABC and LOST International Press Reception at Garden Terrace at Halekulani Hotel. October 17, 2009
- HIFF Celebrates ABC's hit TV series LOST - HIFF Presents "An Evening with LOST Creators Damon Lindelof and Carlton Cuse" at the Royal Hawaiian Theater with guest appearances from LOST cast members including Michael Emerson, Jorge Garcia, Yunjin Kim, and Terry O'Quinn. Plus, three special master classes with various members of LOST production team. Seminars entitled: "Producing and Directing a Hit Show," "Bringing the Design of Each Episode Together," and "Costume & Props." October 17, 2009
- AJUMMA!, ARE YOU KRAZY? Reception at HIFF Café. October 17, 2009
- ED HARDY: TATTOO THE WORLD Reception at HIFF Café. October 17, 2009
- SAVING LUNA at Sunset on the Beach. October 17, 2009
- PIDGIN: THE VOICE OF HAWAII at Sunset on the Beach. October 18, 2009
- Meet The Filmmakers Reception at RumFire at Sheraton Waikiki. October 18, 2009
- AsiaPacificFilms.com Luncheon at Dole Ballrooms. October 19, 2009
- Governor's Reception at Washington Place to recognize The Vilcek Foundation for sponsoring the American Immigrant Filmmakers on Profile program. October 19, 2009
- Delegate Karaoke Night at Krazy Karaoke. October 19, 2009
- RIO BREAKS Reception at RumFire at Sheraton Waikiki. October 19, 2009
- Awards Presentation at Dole Theaters. October 20, 2009
- "Celebrate Hong Kong Cinema" sponsored by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office of San Francisco at Lewers Lounge at Halekulani Hotel, with special guest, actor Nick Cheung, in attendance. October 21, 2009
- Whole Foods Honey Tasting post-film event for THE LAST BEEKEEPER at HIFF Café. October 21, 2009
- AIGA Reception: ART & COPY at HIFF Café. October 22, 2009
- ACM Reception at HIFF Café. October 23, 2009
- Whole Foods and INGREDIENTS Post-Film Discussion and Tasting at HIFF Café. October 23, 2009
- The Chinatown Project Honolulu free outdoor film screenings in conjunction with Showdown in Chinatown and The Chinatown Project at the parking lot behind Next Door (Smith Street between King and Hotel Streets). October 23, 2009
- Closing Press Conference at Garden Terrace at Halekulani Hotel with Actress Maggie Q and Director Mark Wexler. October 24, 2009
- Closing Night Party at Ocean's Nightclub. October 24, 2009

### **HIFF 2009 SPECIAL GUESTS**

- Damon Lindelof and Carlton Cuse (Creative team behind LOST)
- Michael Emerson (Actor, LOST)
- Jorge Garcia (Actor, LOST)
- Yunjin Kim (Actress, LOST)
- Terry O'Quinn (Actor, LOST)
- Daniel Dae Kim (Actor, LOST)
- Ken Leung (Actor, LOST)
- Jack Bender (Executive Producer, LOST)
- Jean Higgins (Executive Producer, LOST)
- Toa Frasier (Director)
- Maggie Q (Actress, THE WARRIOR AND THE WOLF)
- Q'orianka Kilcher (Actress, BARBARIAN PRINCESS)
- Nigel Thomas (Producer, BARBARIAN PRINCESS)
- Marc Forby (Director, BARBARIAN PRINCESS)

- Quentin Lee (Director, THE PEOPLE I'VE SLEPT WITH)
- Karin Anna Cheung (Actress, THE PEOPLE I'VE SLEPT WITH)
- Archie Kao (Actor, THE PEOPLE I'VE SLEPT WITH)
- Hiroshi Watanabe (Actor, WHITE ON RICE)
- David Boyle (Director, WHITE ON RICE)
- Nick Cheung (Actor, BEAST STALKER, RED RIVER)
- Rob Machado (Actor, THE DRIFTER)
- Manilyn Reynes (Actress, GRANDPA IS DEAD)
- Zhang Jia Rui (Director, RED RIVER)
- Mitsuhiro Mihara (Director, FLAVOR OF HAPPINESS)
- Kyoko Hirano (Japan Film Scholar)
- Jason Scott Lee (Actor, STATE OF ALOHA)
- Delegation from Shanghai Media and Entertainment Group
- James Lecesne (Actor, AFTER THE STORM)
- Ed Hardy (Actor, ED HARDY: TATTOO THE WORLD)
- Christina Yao (Writer/Director, EMPIRE OF SILVER)
- Brent Anbe (Director, AJUMMA! ARE YOU KRAZY?)
- Paul Devlin (Director, BLAST!)
- L.A. Renigen (Actress, FRUIT FLY)
- Tze Chun (Director, CHILDREN OF INVENTION)
- J.P. Chan (Director)
- Ben Guillory (Actor, THE HARIYAMA BRIDGE)
- Aaron Woolfolk (Director, THE HARIMAYA BRIDGE)
- Mark Wexler (Director, HOW TO LIVE FOREVER)
- Sung Kang (Actor)

### **HIFF 2009 SEMINARS**

- PU`A FOUNDATION SCREENING & SEMINAR - The Pu`a Foundation will debut THE ROYAL GIFT, the first video in a four-part historical series, as well as a panel discussion about the Hawaiian Monarchy. (Free to the public)
- DON'T QUIT YOUR DAY JOB - Self-taught filmmaker J.P. Chan shares his experience in making artistically serious, no/low-budget short films that have played for audiences around the world. (Free to the public)
- State of the Hawaii Film Industry Seminar presented by Bank of Hawaii with panelists Brett Wagner, Angela Laprete, Donne Dawson, James Sereno, Jason Lau, John Ching, Ric Galindez, Roy Tijoe, and moderated by Bill Meyer. (Free to the public)
- NETPAC presents: A Tribute to Madame Kawakita - A conversation with renowned film scholar Kyoko Hirano about Madame Kawakita's tremendous influence on Japanese cinema. (Free to the public)
- Free screenings in conjunction with A Tribute to Madame Kawakita: RASHOMON, IKIRU, BLACK RAIN, and ZIGENURWEISEN
- LOST Seminars - "Producing and Directing a Hit Show," "Bringing the Design of Each Episode Together," and "Costume & Props"

### **HOW TO HIFF 2009**

- How to get tickets:
  - In person – HIFF Box Office (650 Iwilei Road #101 across from Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters)
  - Phone: (808) 548-5905
  - Web: [www.hiff.org](http://www.hiff.org)
- Ticket cost:

- \$10 general public
- \$9 Seniors, military, students, children
- \$8 HIFF Ohana members
- Membership Passes available for faster entry and bigger savings
- Group sales rates available (10 or more tickets purchased for the same film at box office only)

### **HIFF 2009 AWARDS**

- Halekulani Golden Orchid for Best Feature, EMPIRE OF SILVER, Director Christina Yao
- Halekulani Golden Orchid for Best Documentary, PETITION, Director Zhao Liang
- Audience Award for Best Feature, PRECIOUS, Director Lee Daniels
- Audience Award for Best Feature, BARBARIAN PRINCESS, Director Marc Forby
- Audience Award for Best Documentary, PIDGIN: THE VOICE OF HAWAI'I, Director Marlene Booth
- Audience Award for Best Short, AJUMMA! ARE YOU KRAZY?, Director Brent Anbe
- Puma Emerging Filmmaker Award, CHILDREN OF INVENTION, Director Tze Chun
- Maverick Award, Maggie Q
- NETPAC Award, CASTAWAY ON THE MOON, Director Lee Hey-Jun
- City and County of Honolulu Vision in Film Award, Damon Lindelof and Carlton Cuse of LOST
- City and County of Honolulu Vision in Film Award, Director Park Chan-Wook
- VOD Viewers' Choice Award powered by Oceanic Time Warner Cable and presented by Central Pacific Bank, AJUMMA! ARE YOU KRAZY?, Director Brent Anbe
- Mahalo Nui Loa Award, Jack Bender and Jean Higgins, Executive Producers of LOST

### **HIFF 2009 MORE**

- "Viewers' Choice Award powered by Oceanic Time Warner Cable and presented by Central Pacific Bank" – A selection of the best Hawaii-made short films, as well as feature and documentary trailers, will be featured on NGN video-on-demand channel 680. Besides viewing trailers to help you select the films you want to attend, you can watch wonderful shorts and vote for your favorite.
- American Immigrant Filmmakers on Profile – Special film section, funded by The Vilcek Foundation, highlighting films from filmmakers who have immigrated to the United States and made significant contributions to American cinema.
- Educational Activities:
  - Guest Filmmakers in the Schools – classroom visits and statewide video conferences
  - Student Showcase – A free screening of the best entries from students throughout Hawaii and the U.S.
  - Cultural and Visual Literacy Program – free student screenings of thought-provoking cinema
  - Student Volunteer Opportunities
  - Student Internships
- Shanghai University Shorts – A free screening as part of the SMART Xchange Program between Shanghai University and the University of Hawaii's Academy for Creative Media.

- HIFF Café and Lounge – HIFF Café presented by Aloha Salads at the Dole Cannery ballrooms 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, sponsored by Creations in Catering. You can enjoy great food and other beverages, before, between, or after watching films. Furniture provided by Fishcake and computers and TV setups by Best Buy. Mingle with HIFF's stellar guests and fellow filmgoers while enjoying delicious treats and after-film chats.
- Volunteer opportunities:
- Shanghai International Film Festival
- HIFF/SIFF Membership Drive Promotion

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DO YOU  
SEE?

