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2009 HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FINAL MOVIE LINEUP

Festival Runs from October 15th -25th

HONOLULU, HI (September 25, 2009) – The 29th annual Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF) is set to be a whirlwind this year with the premiere of Barbarian Princess, a celebration of the hit ABC TV series LOST, and the screenings of films by master filmmakers John Woo and Tian Zhuangzhuang. Among the 170 films presented this year are 14 world premieres, 14 North American premieres, 8 international premieres, and 26 U.S. premieres. The broad range of films cover timely subject matter that involve us in a local, national and international level, ranging from global warming and sustainability (GREEN SCREEN), the state of the local film industry (MADE IN HAWAII), MAD MEN fever with the history of advertising and design (ART + DESIGN), political and social issues, and the examination of the human spirit (REEL LIFE).

In addition, there are new spotlights on the Philippines and Okinawan cinema, FREE screenings of newly re-mastered Japanese classics as a TRIBUTE TO MADAME KAWAKITA, and an amalgam of Extreme Asia and Midnight Dark programs into the newly christened AFTER DARK. A new competition will be launched this year, the PUMA EMERGING FILMMAKER AWARD – nominated films in this new competition are from emerging talents from around the world.

Perennial sections like the HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARDS for Best Feature and Documentary, GALA PRESENTATIONS, unveiling high profile films gunning for the awards season, SPOTLIGHT ON JAPAN, NEW CHINESE CINEMA, SPOTLIGHT ON KOREA and a celebration of American immigrant filmmakers with the AMERICAN IMMIGRANT FILMMAKERS ON PROFILE section are also featured. The festival also goes beyond the theater with the Video-on-Demand Viewer's Choice Award powered by Oceanic Time Warner Cable and presented by Central Pacific Bank, where Hawaii-made short films can be viewed for free on Oceanic Time Warner Cable Ch. 680 (NGN-on-Demand).

The entire film program and schedule is now available online at www.hiff.org. Tickets go on sale to HIFF Ohana members Thursday, October 1st and to the public on Monday, October 5th.

What: 29th Annual Hawaii International Film Festival

When: October 15-25

Where: Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Cinemas, Hawaii Theater, Sunset on the Beach, Royal Hawaiian Theater

Ticket Prices:

- \$10 general public
- \$9 Seniors, military, students, children

- \$8 HIFF Ohana members (HIFF's film club)

Ticket Purchases:

- In person – HIFF box office (650 Iwilei Road #101 across from Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Cinemas)
- Phone: (808) 548-5905
- Discount Group Rates (for 10 or more) – (808) 548-5905
- Tickets go on sale to HIFF Ohana members October 1 and to the public October 5

**FILM SYNOPSES: (All screening times subject to change)
(MY HIFF: Indicates Other Films Viewers Might Like)**

MOTHER

Opening Night
Hawaii Premiere

Kim Hye-ja lives a quiet life as a traditional healer, while looking after her grown, mentally-challenged son, the childlike Do-joon (Korean heartthrob Won Bin in a raw performance). When a pretty, young student is brutally murdered and Do-joon is accused of the killing, will his mother's fierce and formidable love be able to free him and prove his innocence? Peppered with savage humor, MOTHER is elegantly colored with the visually engaging, carefully composed scenes of Korean sensation Bong Joon-ho (THE HOST).

South Korea2009 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 128M

Director: Bong Joon-ho

Cast: Won Bin, Jin Ku, Kim Hye-ja

15-Oct 8:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: CASTAWAY ON THE MOON / OLD PARTNER

**RED CLIFF
CHI BI**

Centerpiece
Hawaii Premiere

208 A.D.: Militaristic Prime Minister Cao Cao convinces Emperor Han that the only way to unite all of China was to declare war on the kingdoms of Xu in the West and Wu in the south. Thus began a military campaign of unprecedented scale. Both sides commence for battle that will ultimately shape the future of an entire nation. Based on the beloved tome ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS that triggered the fall of the Han Dynasty. RED CLIFF is the largest film production in Chinese history.

China2008 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 150M

Director: John Woo

Cast: Tony Leung Chiu Wai, Takeshi Kaneshiro, Fengyi Zhang, Chen Chang

21-Oct 8:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: WARRIOR AND THE WOLF / RED RIVER

**THE WARRIOR AND THE WOLF
LANG ZAI JI**

Closing Night
U.S. Premiere

A visually stunning and epic tale of wild humanity, Tian Zhuangzhuang's WARRIOR AND THE WOLF is a circular narrative that explores the debasement of humanity through war and destruction, but on a painterly, elegant and serene canvas. Taking place during divided China's Era of Warring States, a valiant soldier Lu Chenkang (Joe Odagiri) struggles to retain his humanity in the face of perilous conflict and bloodshed. Let WARRIOR AND THE WOLF transport you to a world where memory, temporal time and fantasy collide.

China2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 100M

Director: Tian Zhuang Zhuang

Cast: Joe Odagiri, Maggie Q, Tou Chung-hua

24-Oct 7:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: RED CLIFF / IP MAN

108

HYAKU HACHI

Spotlight on Japan

U.S. Premiere

Because of their limited talents on the field, Masato and Nobu are usually relegated to the baseball stands along with the rest of the fans, but during their senior year they make a pact to do their utmost to achieve a roster position. Offering an interesting insight into the unique high school baseball culture in Japan, 108 (HYAKU HACHI) at its core, is a reminder to all sports enthusiasts of why we play the game.

Japan2008 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 126M

Director: Yoshitaka Mori

Cast: Yoshiaki Saito, Aoi Nakamura, Riki Takeuchi

25-Oct 3:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: SNOW PRINCE / DEAR LEMON LIMA

20TH CENTURY BOYS 1: BEGINNING OF THE END
20-SEIKI SHONEN: HONKAKU KAGAKU BOKEN EIGA

Spotlight on Japan

Return Engagement

It all begins in 1969 when a young boy named Kenji and his friends write "The Book of Prophecy." Years later in 1997, a mysterious cult led by a man only known as Friend has emerged and has gained a strong influence over society. A series of catastrophic events begin to occur, mirroring the prophecies made up by the young Kenji. The only people who know about The Book are Kenji and his childhood friends. Who is Friend? Can Kenji and his friends save the world in time to see the 21st Century?

Japan2008 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 142M

Director: Yukihiro Tsutsumi

Cast: Hideaki Karasawa, Etsushi Toyokawa, Takako Tokiwa

25-Oct 1:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: GOKUSEN / EVANGELION 2.0

20TH CENTURY BOYS 2: THE LAST HOPE
20-SEIKI SHONEN: DAI 2 SHO - SAIGO NO KIBO

Spotlight on Japan

Return Engagement

It is now 2015, and Friend rules a disturbing new world. The surviving secret base members have spent the last 15 years in hiding, and finding out the truth about Friend. They discover "The New Book of Prophecy," the sequel to "The Book of Prophecy." The sequel describes an event: "In 2015, at a church in Shinjuku, a savior will rise to uphold justice but will be assassinated." Bleak events will happen once again, but Kanna (Kenji's 19 year-old niece) is unwavering in her vow to stop Friend.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 140M

Director: Yukihiro Tsutsumi

Cast: Etsushi Toyokawa, Takako Tokiwa, Airi Taira

25-Oct 4:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: FIRST SQUAD / REDLINE

**20TH CENTURY BOYS 3: REDEMPTION
20-SEIKI SHONEN: SAISHU-SHO - BOKURA NO HATA**

Spotlight on Japan
North American Premiere

It is now 2017, and after the spread of the deadly virus in Tokyo, a wall was built around the city and people's lives have been restricted. As World President, Friend tells everyone that on August 20, aliens will destroy mankind, and only those who believe in him will be saved. Kanna is now the leader of a group much more radical than her uncle's team, but both continue to fight against Friend until the bitter end.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 150M

Director: Yukihiro Tsutsumi

Cast: Toshiaki Karasawa, Etsushi Toyokawa, Takako Tokiwa

24-Oct 6:00 PM Dole

25-Oct 7:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: MAI MAI MIRACLE / 108

24K

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE: NARRATIVE FEATURE
International Premiere

Throughout the Philippines, rumors persist of buried treasures left behind by the Japanese after their occupation of the islands. Tales, like that of the elusive Yamashita treasure, have enticed fortune hunters from around the world to search caves and tunnels throughout the land. 24K is the true story of one adventurous hunt for these lost spoils of war.

Philippines2009 | Tagalog w/ English subtitles | 102M

Director: Ana Agabin

Cast: Julio Diaz, Archi Adamos, Jojit Lorenzo, Achristian Galura, Miguel Vasquez, Andoy Ranay

19-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

21-Oct 2:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: IN MY LIFE / GRANDPA IS DEAD

9500 LIBERTY

Reel Life
Hawaii Premiere

9500 LIBERTY documents an explosive battle over immigration policy in Prince William County, Virginia. The county's government folds under pressure and passes a resolution allowing police to stop and demand US identification from anyone they have "probable cause" to suspect is an undocumented immigrant. The issue of illegal immigration has become one of the most divisive topics over the past decade and this movie exposes the dangers of just pushing illegal immigrants out.

United States2009 | 73M

Director: Annabel Park, Eric Byler

Featuring: Greg Letiecq, Corey A. Stewart, Col. Charlie T. Deane, Gaudencio Fernandez, Alanna Almeda

20-Oct 6:30 PM

23-Oct 1:15 PM

MY HIFF: WHATEVER IT TAKES / PETITION

**ACROSS THE RIVER
ANSUY-E RUDKHANEH**

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE: NARRATIVE FEATURE

U.S. Premiere

In the wake of a major battle during the Iran-Iraq war, a cameraman finds himself stranded in the wilderness alongside only three other survivors, an Iraqi and two Iranian soldiers. With a single gun between them, the soldiers alternatively take turns guarding the hostage as they all march aimlessly upon the scorched earth. Realizing that none of them has anything left to go back to, they form an unlikely friendship, to which the cameraman is the sole witness.

Iran2008 | Farsi w/ English subtitles | 83M

Director: Abbas A. Motlagh

Cast: Ahmad Sa'atchian, Reza Molaie, Hazem Shahin, Abdol Razzagh Radan

18-Oct 8:15 PM Dole

21-Oct 12:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: AMREEKA / STORM

AFTER THE STORM

Reel Life

Hawaii Premiere

Hilla Medalia's inspiring documentary, ostensibly about three New York theater vets who come to New Orleans to mount a benefit production of the Broadway musical "Once on this Island," goes right to the eye of the storm. The production, which hauntingly mirrors the real-life events of Hurricane Katrina, is fraught with the raw emotions of children struggling to live in a broken-down city.

United States2009 | 89M

Director: Hilla Medalia

Featuring: Gerry McIntyre, James Lecesne, Randy Redd, Rayan Arnold, Annie Britton

22-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

23-Oct 4:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: 9500 LIBERTY / WHATEVER IT TAKES

**AIR DOLL
KUKI NINGYO**

After Dark
U.S. Premiere

Adapted for the screen by director Kore-eda himself, the film tells the story of a life size AIR DOLL that develops a soul. On exploring the world around her she soon falls in love with Junichi, a video store clerk. Just when everything seems perfect an unexpected turn of events throws her fragile existence into turmoil. At the core, the film is a love story which explores the profound questions of human existence. Where do we find meaning in our own lives? What ultimately makes us human?

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 125M

Director: Kore-eda Hirokazu
Cast: Arata, Bae Du-na, Sumiko Fuji, Mari Hoshino
24-Oct 10:00 PM Dole
25-Oct 12:00 PM Dole
MY HIFF: LOVE EXPOSURE / FACE

ALL ABOUT DAD

American Indies
Hawaii Premiere

Mark Tran's debut feature ALL ABOUT DAD, is loosely based upon his own experiences growing up in a large Vietnamese family and revolves around the family's rigid and traditional patriarch. Tensions within the family begin to mount as his children begin to explore their own lives and ambitions, causing the father to rethink his values in order to restore order to his family.

United States2009 | English, Vietnamese w/ English subtitles | 91M

Director: Mark Tran
Cast: David Huynh, Yen Ly, Chi Pham, Nanrisa Lee, Yvonne Troung
22-Oct 8:30 PM Dole
23-Oct 3:15 PM Dole
MY HIFF: A VILLAGE CALLED VERSAILLES / LEGEND IS ALIVE

AMREEKA

American Indies
Hawaii Premiere

AMREEKA chronicles the adventures of Muna, a single mother who leaves the West Bank with Fadi, her teenage son, and dreams of an exciting future in the promised land of small town Illinois. Told with heartfelt humor by writer-director Cherien Dabis in her feature film debut, AMREEKA is a universal journey into the lives of a family of immigrants caught between their heritage and the new world in which they now live and the bittersweet search for a place to call home.

United States, Canada2009 | English, Arabic w/ English subtitles | 96M

Director: Cherien Dabis
Cast: Nisreen Faour, Melkar Muallem, Hiam Abbass, Alia Shawkat
17-Oct 8:45 PM Dole
18-Oct 9:00 PM Dole
MY HIFF: GIGANTE / DEAR LEMON LIMA

ANTIQUE
SEOYANG GOLDONG YANG-GWAJA-JEOM-ANTIQU

Spotlight on Korea
Hawaii Premiere

This Korean adaptation of a bestselling Japanese manga, swirls quirky comedy and suspenseful mystery into a visually delicious film. Jin-hyuk (heartthrob Joo Ji-hoon) curiously opens a cake shop named Antique despite his violent dislike of desserts. He is joined by a charismatic genius pastry chef who once had a crush on him, an ex-boxer apprentice, and an awkward assistant. This unlikely four-man operation strives for sweet success despite bitter personal challenges.

South Korea2008 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 109M

Director: Min Kyu-dong

Cast: Ju Ji-hun, Kim Jae-wook, Andy Gillet, Yu Ain, Choi Ji-ho

21-Oct 7:30 PM Dole

24-Oct 5:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: FRUITFLY / SNOW PRINCE

**APRIL BRIDE
YOMEI IKKAGETSU NO HANAYOME**

Spotlight on Japan
North American Premiere

Based on a touching true story, this emotional drama chronicles the romance between handsome salaryman Taro (Eita) and the spirited and endearing Chie (Nana Eikura). Even though Taro and Chie appear to be a perfect couple in love, not everything is perfect in their lives. A crisis in Chie's health brings the couple and their families closer together and teaches everyone to treat each day like the miracle it is.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 129M

Director: Ryuichi Hiroki

Cast: Nana Eikura, Eita, Satomi Tezuka, Misako Yasuda, Akira Emoto

17-Oct 12:45 PM Dole

20-Oct 12:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: JAPANESE WIFE / NADA SOU SOU

ART + COPY

Art & Design
Hawaii Premiere

ART + COPY is a powerful new film about advertising and inspiration. Directed by Doug Pray, it reveals the work and wisdom of some of the most influential advertising creatives of our time - people who've profoundly impacted our culture, yet are virtually unknown outside their industry. Exploding forth from advertising's "creative revolution" of the 1960s, these artists and writers all brought a surprisingly rebellious spirit to their work in a business more often associated with mediocrity or manipulation.

United States2009 | 88M

Director: Doug Pray

Producer: Jimmy Greenway, Michael Nadeau

Featuring: Lee Clow, Jim Durfee, Cliff Freeman, Jeff Goodby, David Kennedy

22-Oct 7:00 PM Dole

23-Oct 3:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: OBJECTIFIED / VISUAL ACOUSTICS

BARBARIAN PRINCESS

Made in Hawaii
World Premiere

Scarcely 13 years old, Princess Ka'ulani is separated from her family and her homeland and sent to a climate and a country that couldn't be more different from Hawai'i - Victorian England. Coming to terms with her fate, Ka'ulani undergoes a harsh and testing education that equips her with a sense of honor, duty and pride. Based on the inspiring true story, Barbarian Princess is a breathtaking romance about an unlikely heroine and her unwavering fight to defend the independence of her people.

United States, United Kingdom 2009 | 130M

Director: Marc Forby

Cast: Q'orianka Kilcher, Barry Pepper, Kaimana Pa'aluhī, Will Patton, Shaun Evans
16-Oct 8:00 PM Hawaii Theatre Center

MY HIFF: YANG YANG / STATE OF ALOHA

THE BARE ESSENCE OF LIFE URUTORA MIRAKURU RABU SUTORI

PUMA EMERGING FILMMAKERS AWARD NOMINEE
U.S. Premiere

Yojin spends his days tending to his grandmother's vegetable garden. One day he meets Machiko, and his need for her to like him leads to unexpected consequences. The darling of new Japanese cinema, Satoko Yokohama confirms her talent and brilliant originality with BARE ESSENCE OF LIFE, a satisfying tale of rural eccentricity that combines black humor and fantasy with romanticism and drama.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 120M

Director: Satoko Yokohama

Cast: Kenichi Matsuyama, Kumiko Aso
18-Oct 2:00 PM Dole
20-Oct 12:30 PM Dole

BATTLE LEAGUE HORUMO KAMOGAWA HORUMO

Spotlight on Japan
Hawaii Premiere

In Kyoto, there is the mysterious 1000 year-old tradition of the "Horumo" battle which is upheld by the four universities of the city. The battle is fought between 10 players from each team who each manipulate an army of 100 spirits (referred to as Oni) to fight their opponents. Each member goes through rigorous training to achieve fluency in the Oni language as well as learn the indefinable gestures that are required to complement it. Let the battles begin!

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 113M

Director: Katsuhide Motoki

Cast: Takayuki Yamada, Chiaki Kuriyama
19-Oct 10:00 PM Dole
21-Oct 4:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: 20TH CENTURY BOYS / A MILLION

BEAST STALKER CHING YAN

Hong Kong Cinema
Hawaii Premiere

To repent for a botched raid, officer Tong Fei risks everything to rescue a little girl from a volatile kidnapper. Director, Dante Lam, has made the Hong Kong action hit of the year, elegantly fusing a solid action picture with the depth of an emotional psychodrama. Building suspense with wonderfully staged action and a rhythmic atmospheric score, THE BEAST STALKER grips like a vice from the opening frames till the very end.

Hong Kong2009 | Cantonese w/ English subtitles | 110M

Director: Dante Lam

Cast: Nicholas Tse, Nick Cheung, JingChu Zhang, Kai Chi Liu

22-Oct 9:30 PM Dole

24-Oct 10:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: IP MAN / OVERHEARD

BEST OF TIMES KWAMJAMSUN TAE-RAK CHANYAO

Asian Showcase
North American Premiere

Some people spend most of their lives trying to forget their first love, but some spend a lifetime reminiscing about their last love. Since men are not goldfish, they don't easily forget their past loves, it's just that sometimes it hurts too much to want to remember. Nevertheless, everlasting love is always worth fighting for. BEST OF TIMES is a romantic story involving two couples and how even the briefest of encounters with true love can leave you with lifelong memories.

Thailand2009 | Thai w/ English subtitles | 117M

Director: Yongyoot Thongkontoon

Cast: Arak Amornsupasiri, Yarinda Boonnag, Kris Sretthamrong

16-Oct 8:00 PM Dole

18-Oct 9:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: HARIMAYA BRIDGE / APRIL BRIDE

BFF: BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

Spotlight on the philippines
U.S. Premiere

When Honey (Sharon Cuneta) discovers her husband has been unfaithful, she is determined to find the mystery home-wrecker and save her marriage. After enrolling in an aerobics class, she meets fitness instructor, Frances (Ai Ai Delas Alas), and the two women become fast friends. Unbeknownst to either of them, they are both in love with the same man. Megastar, Sharon Cuneta, and the queen of comedy, Ai Ai Delas Alas, give outstanding comedic performances in this Philippine blockbuster.

Philippines 2009 | Tagalog w/ English subtitles | 102M

Director: Wenn V. Deramas

Cast: Sharon Cuneta, Ai-Ai Delas Alas, John Estrada

17-Oct 11:45 AM Dole

MY HIFF: GRANDPA IS DEAD / 24K

BILLU BARBER

Spotlight on India

Hawaii Premiere

A simple man with a loving family finds his life changing in ways he never anticipated when a superstar strolls into his life, transforming everything around him. Billu Barber lives in a small village with his wife, Bindiya, and their two wonderful children. Though their lives are less than extraordinary, their love is plenty enough to keep everyone content...until their close brush with fame. Now, things are changing all around them, but is it possible to remain grounded while everyone you know is being swept off their feet?

India2009 | Hindi w/ English subtitles | 138M

Director: Priyadarshan

Cast: Irrfan Khan, Lara Dutta, Om Puri, Rajpal Yadav, Shah Rukh Khan

17-Oct 4:15 PM Dole

19-Oct 2:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: DELHI-6 / BOMBAY SUMMER

BLACK RAIN KUROI AME

FREE PUBLIC SCREENING

A Tribute to Madame Kawakita

The title refers to the radioactive fallout which descended upon the ruined city of Hiroshima after the dropping of the first atomic bomb. Young bride-to-be Yoshiko Tanaka has the misfortune to be visiting Hiroshima on the day of the explosion, but incredibly, she is unhurt. Unfortunately, her townsmen have been profoundly affected by the "black rain;" over the next five years, the poison in their systems slowly but surely erodes their souls. Yoshiko's life is shattered as surely as if the bomb had disintegrated her upon impact.

Japan1989 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 123M

Director: Shohei Imamura

Cast: Yoshiko Tanaka, Kazuo Kitamura, Etsuko Ichihara, Shoichi Ozawa

18-Oct 2:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: HARIMAYA BRIDGE / THE WARRIOR AND THE WOLF

BLAST!

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE: DOCUMENTARY

Hawaii Premiere

BLAST! tells the tale of an audacious team of scientists hoping to travel back in time - on a balloon. The documentary follows Mark Devlin, PhD as he leads his astrophysics team, consisting primarily of graduate students, in launching BLAST (Balloon-Borne, Large-Aperture, Submillimeter Telescope). Their adventure takes the team to Arctic Sweden, across the polar bear country in Canada and ultimately to Antarctica. Watch as these scientists cope with the harsh environments, technical difficulties and constant threat of failure.

United States2008 | 74M

Director: Paul Devlin

Featuring: Mark Devlin, Barth Netterfield

19-Oct 5:15 PM Dole

20-Oct 9:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: AFTER THE STORM / BURNING SEASON

BOMBAY SUMMER

American Immigrant Filmmakers on Profile

Hawaii Premiere

BOMBAY SUMMER explores the fleeting and delicate friendship between three young people and its eventual disintegration in the face of betrayal and personal loss. Geeta is in the middle of an affair with Jaidev, a struggling writer who is slowly coming to grips with his own life. Their lives take a dramatic turn when they befriend a young migrant to the city, Madan. Interweaving stories of their personal lives, the film follows their journey of self-discovery as Madan leads them to new places and experiences.

United States2009 | Hindi w/ English subtitles | 102M

Director: Joseph Mathew Varghese

Cast: Tannishtha Chatterjee, Jatin Goswami, Samrat Chakrabarti

18-Oct 4:00 PM Dole

19-Oct 2:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: JAPANESE WIFE / GIRL ON THE TRAIN

THE BURNING SEASON

Green Screen

Hawaii Premiere

Dorjee Sun, a young Australian entrepreneur, believes there's money to be made from protecting rainforests in Indonesia, saving the orangutan from extinction and making a real impact on climate change. Armed with a backpack, he sets out across the globe to find investors in his carbon-trading scheme. THE BURNING SEASON is an eco-thriller about a young man not afraid to confront the biggest challenge of our time.

Australia2009 | 90M

Director: Cathy Henkel

Cast: Dorjee Sun, Lone Droscher-Nielsen, Achmadi

21-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

22-Oct 12:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: NO IMPACT MAN / SAVING LUNA

CASTAWAY ON THE MOON KIM-SSI PYO-RYU-GI

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE: NARRATIVE FEATURE

U.S. Premiere

A mountain of debt forces Song Geun to attempt suicide by jumping off a bridge, but washes up onto a deserted island in the middle of the Han River instead. Overlooking the island lives a woman who hasn't left her room in three years. She becomes fascinated by Song Geun's life as a castaway on the island as they strike up an unusual friendship.

South Korea2009 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 116M

Director: Hey-jun Lee

Cast: Jung Jae-young, Jung Rye-won

22-Oct 9:15 PM Dole

24-Oct 12:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: APRIL BRIDE / BARE ESSENCE OF LIFE

CHILDREN OF INVENTION

PUMA EMERGING FILMMAKERS AWARD NOMINEE

Hawaii Premiere

CHILDREN OF INVENTION takes us towards an optimist and her two children. Trapped by the recognizable scenario of single-motherdom, deadbeat dads, and a U.S. security world that exacts particular pain from immigrants, Elaine Cheng (Cindy Cheung) falls victim to her hope of escape in two pyramid schemes. When one of her marathon work days extends into a serial overnighiter, her son, Raymond (Michael Chen), decides that it is time to fix their lives with his inventions.

United States2009 | 86M

Director: Tze Chun

Cast: Cindy Cheung, Michael Chen, Crystal Chiu

19-Oct 7:00 PM Dole

21-Oct 1:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: DEAR LEMON LIMA / GIGANTE

COBALT BLUE

GUNJO: AI GA SHIZUNDA UMI NO IRO

Spotlight on Okinawa

North American Premiere

Love and loss course through two generations on a remote island in Okinawa. A fatally ill Tokyo pianist, Yukiko Morishita (Misato Tanaka) comes to this small fishing community, falls in love with a fisherman (Kuranosuke Sasaki), and dies after giving birth to a daughter, Ryoko (Masami Nagasawa). After a tragic diving accident takes her lover and childhood friend, Kazuya (Shinji Rachi), Ryoko retreats into silent mourning until her father, community, and Daisuke (Seiji Fukushi) slowly bring her back.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 119M

Director: Yosuke Nakagawa

Cast: Masami Nagasawa, Seiji Fukushi, Kuranosuke Sasaki

23-Oct 8:15 PM Dole

24-Oct 8:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: NADA SOU SOU / MIDSUMMER OKINAWAN NIGHT'S DREAM

DANCE SUBARU

SUBARU

Spotlight on Japan

U.S. Premiere

Subaru is a naturally gifted ballerina who grew up in the shadow of her mother and brother's illness. Striving to be the best, she refines her dance skills through unconventional methods ranging from training in a cabaret to learning hip-hop. Subaru's ultimate challenge comes in the form of a prestigious

competition where she learns that the road to becoming a professional dancer is filled with friends and rivals, happiness and sadness, as well as lessons learned.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 105M

Director: Chi-Ngai Lee

Cast: Yuta Hiraoka, Ara, Toshio Kakei, Ken Maeda

21-Oct 8:45 PM Dole

23-Oct 9:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: QUICK QUICK SLOW SLOW / HONOKAA BOY

DEAR LEMON LIMA,

PUMA EMERGING FILMMAKERS AWARD NOMINEE

Hawaii Premiere

When 13-year-old Vanessa experiences her first breakup, she rebounds by following the boy to his stifling prep school, where she receives the only minority scholarship for her Yup'ik background. Vanessa's attempts to find herself and win back the love of her life flounder, until she's presented with an opportunity to captain the oddball team for the school's version of the World Eskimo Indian Olympics - the Snowstorm Survivor competition.

United States2009 | 87M

Director: Suzi Yoonessi

Cast: Melissa Leo, Savannah Wiltfong, Shayne Topp, Zane Huett

20-Oct 7:00 PM Dole

22-Oct 4:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: RAINBOW TROOPS / CHILDREN OF INVENTION

DELHI-6

Spotlight on India

Hawaii Premiere

Roshon comes to India for the first time with his grandmother. Having led a very western lifestyle in America, Roshon is unfamiliar with the people, customs and beliefs of India. Amidst all this culture shock, he meets the beautiful Bittu and helps her find identity and expression by encouraging her to break free from the typical Indian social structure. The story of DELHI-6 is only made better with music by A.R. Rahman, who won two academy awards for the musical score of SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE.

India2009 | Hindi w/ English subtitles | 140M

Director: Rakesh Omprakash Mehra

Cast: Waheeda Rehman, Abhishek Bachchan, Rishi Kapoor

23-Oct 5:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: BILLU BARBER / BOMBAY SUMMER

DIED YOUNG STAYED PRETTY

Art & Design

Hawaii Premiere

Rebellious, ironic, vulgar and, at times, a bit demented. Welcome to the underground world of the rock poster graphic artist, a renegade outcast who knows the value of octopus imagery and 70s porn. Inspired by a personal tragedy, Director Eileen Yaghoobian's raw, uncontrollable documentary mirrors the visual

rant of its subject, showing why the waning world of rock poster art is more than just an advertising tool of the music industry.

Canada2008 | 95M

Director: Eileen Yaghoobian

Featuring: Rob Jones, Ames Brothers, Jay Ryan

23-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

24-Oct 9:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: ART + COPY / ROCKSTEADY

DIL BOLE HADIPPA!

Spotlight on India

Hawaii Premiere

Veera works in a local theatre group but dreams of playing cricket in the big league. In a village where girls don't play cricket, Veera has to put on a turban and beard and become a man to fulfill her dreams. And thus begins the roller-coaster journey of Veera. Filled with music, romance and comedy through Punjab and beyond, This tale of turbans, twists and tricks will make your heart go - hadippa!

India2009 | Hindi w/ English subtitles | 150M

Director: Anurag Singh

Cast: Rani Mukherjee, Shahid Kapur, Rakhi Sawant

24-Oct 3:30 PM Dole

25-Oct 4:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: BILLU BARBER / FRUITFLY

DISTRICT 13 ULTIMATUM BANLIEUE 13 - ULTIMATUM

After Dark

Hawaii Premiere

DISTRICT 13 – ULTIMATUM finds those living within the walled, feral inner cities facing an even more terrifying existence than before. The walls have since become higher and the contained streets now under the rule of sinister and very influential gangs. In a bid to control the turf and keep the inhabitants in order, the secret service once again dispatches Damien and Leito. But can just two men save the district from the chaos and destruction that now reign?

France2009 | French w/ English subtitles | 101M

Director: Patrick Alessandrin

Cast: David Belle, Cyril Raffaelli, Philippe Torreton, Daniel Duval

16-Oct 9:15 PM Dole

20-Oct 9:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: MERANTAU / ONG BAK 2

THE DRIFTER

Surf Cinema

World Premiere

With nothing more than a backpack, tent and surfboard, surf champion, Rob Machado heads for distant regions of Indonesia. While looking for the perfect waves and respite from the crowds, Rob stumbles

upon an isolated village and during his stay becomes a part of the community. In addition to its life affirming narrative, THE DRIFTER is filled with incredible surf footage amidst the beautiful backdrop of Indonesia that viewers will be sure to enjoy.

United States 2009 | 60M

Director: Taylor Steele

Featuring: Rob Machado

21-Oct 8:15 PM Dole

23-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: RIO BREAKS / HIGHWATER

**THE EAGLE HUNTER'S SON
DIE STIMME DES ADLERS**

Asian Showcase

U.S. Premiere

Twelve-year-old Bazarbai is unlike other Nomad boys his age. He dreams of leaving behind the green pastures of his native Western Mongolian province, lured instead by the call of the urban jungle. Upon the fleeing of his father's pet eagle, Bazarbai decides to follow the animal, thus embarking on an adventurous journey through torrential rivers and snowy mountains that inevitably lead him to Ulan Bator - the city of his dreams.

Germany, Sweden, Denmark 2009 | Mongolian w/ English subtitles | 97M

Director: René Bo Hansen

Cast: Asilbek Badelkhan, Serikbai Khulan, Bazarbai Matei

20-Oct 4:15 PM Dole

21-Oct 11:45 AM Dole

MY HIFF: MADE IN CHINA / OLD PARTNER

EARTH DAYS

Green Screen

Hawaii Premiere

In EARTH DAYS, acclaimed director Robert Stone traces the origins of the modern environmental movement through the eyes of nine Americans who propelled the movement from its beginnings in the 1950s to its moment of triumph in 1970 with the original Earth Day, and to its status as a major political force in America. The result is both a poetic meditation on humankind's complex relationship with nature and a probing analysis of past responses to environmental crises.

United States 2008 | 102M

Director: Robert Stone

16-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

21-Oct 2:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: NO IMPACT MAN / INGREDIENTS

THE ECLIPSE

World Cinema

Hawaii Premiere

Amid lush hills and crumbling stone abbeys, the soggy waterside town of Cobh plays host to a chaotic annual literary festival. Widower Michael has been adjusting to his new role as the sole caretaker of his two young kids. When he volunteers as a handler at the festival, chance finds him driving supernatural-fiction writer Lena and becomes drawn to her but finds himself competing for her attentions.

Ireland2009 | 88M

Director: Conor McPherson

Cast: Ciaran Hinds, Iben Hjejle, Aidan Quinn

23-Oct 6:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: MAMMOTH / JOHN RABE

ED HARDY: TATTOO THE WORLD

reel life

world premiere

Ed Hardy. You've seen his name on clothing worn by Madonna, Bruce Springsteen, and Mick Jagger, on wine and energy drinks and dozens of other commercial products. Directed by Emiko Omori, whose documentaries have received critical acclaim (RABBIT IN THE MOON Sundance 1999), ED HARDY: TATTOO THE WORLD chronicles the journey of Hardy's phenomenal rise to cult icon and the evolution of his personal art.

Director: Emiko Omori

17-Oct 7:15 PM Dole

24-Oct 10:30 AM Dole

MY HIFF: OBJECTIFIED / MILTON GLASER

EMPIRE OF SILVER BAIYIN DIGUO

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE: NARRATIVE FEATURE

North American Premiere

China, 1899. A hedonistic young man, Third Master, must assume the role of heir to a banking empire he cares little about. The tense relationship is further complicated by Third Master's undying love for his beautiful young stepmother, his first and only love stolen from him by his own father. Embarking on a metaphysical journey, Third Master must decide whether to follow his father's path or find his own.

China, Hong Kong, Taiwan 2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 112M

Director: Yao Shuhua

Cast: Guo Fucheng, Jin Shijie, Jin Tielin, Hao Lei

17-Oct 7:15 PM Dole

20-Oct 3:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: WHEAT / WARRIOR AND THE WOLF

ETIENNE!

American Indies

Hawaii Premiere

When Richard (Richard Vallejos), a young San Franciscan with a well groomed moustache and a sweet synthesizer, discovers his pet hamster Etienne is dying, he decides to abandon his job, pick up his tiny friend and embark on a journey of discovery into the northern California countryside. Director Jeff

Mizushima delivers a naturalistic tale of love between hipster and hamster in the very charming and delicate, Etienne!

United States 2009 | 87M

Director: Jeff Mizushima

Cast: Richard Vallejos, David Chien, David Fine, Molly Livingston,

17-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

19-Oct 12:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: WHITE ON RICE / FRUITFLY

**EVANGELION: 2.0 YOU CAN (NOT) ADVANCE
EVANGERION SHIN GEKIJOBAN: HA**

Asian Showcase

North American Premiere

After not seeing his father for more than eight years, Shinji Ikari receives a phone call, in which he is told to urgently come to the NERV Headquarters, an organization that deals with the destruction of the Angels through the use of giant mechs called Evas. Shinji's objective is to pilot the Eva Unit 01, while teaming up with the Eva Unit 00 pilot, Ayanami Rei.

Japan 2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 108M

Director: Masayuki, Kazuya Tsurumaki

Cast: Megumi Hayashibara, Maaya Sakamoto, Megumi Ogata

24-Oct 9:45 PM Dole

25-Oct 8:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: FIRST SQUAD / GOKUSEN

**FACE
VISAGE**

World Cinema

Hawaii Premiere

Hsiao-Kong is a director from Taiwan who is soon to begin shooting his next picture in France. Hsiao-Kong arrives in Paris to discover his producers have cast a well-known model with no acting experience in the leading role, which adds to the challenge of working in a language in which he's not fluent and having a leading man who seems to have lost his memory. Hsiao-Kong's troubles with the shoot are at once exacerbated and made insignificant when he learns of the death of his mother.

Taiwan, France, Belgium, Netherlands 2009 | Mandarin, French w/ English subtitles | 138M

Director: Tsai Mingliang

Cast: Nathalie Baye, Laetitia Casta, Mathieu Amalric, Fanny Ardant

24-Oct 12:30 PM Dole

25-Oct 3:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: GIRL ON THE TRAIN / YANG YANG

FIRST SQUAD: THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

Asian Showcase

Hawaii Premiere

In 1942, during a deadly air raid, Nadya, a 14 year-old medium, escapes her German captors and returns to aid her Russian compatriots. She is assigned to a paranormal team created to counter-effect the supernatural resources of the Nazis. Having the ability to foresee "Moments of Truth (critical moments in which one person's actions will decide the outcome)," Nadya must enlist the support of her old friends from the beyond to defeat the Nazis.

Japan, Canada, Russia2009 | German, Russian w/ English subtitles | 69M

Director: Aishino Yoshiharu, Misha Shprits, Aljoscha Klimov

21-Oct 10:00 PM Dole

23-Oct 3:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: EVANGELION 2.0 / JOHN RABE

**FLAVOR OF HAPPINESS
SHIAWASE NO KAORI**

Spotlight on Japan

Hawaii Premiere

When Wan collapses with a minor stroke that leaves him unable to work, Takako begs him to take her on as an apprentice, so that his cooking will live on. Having no wife or heir, Wan agrees. He sees Takako not just as a successor but as a kindred spirit whose love for good food approaches his own. However, this is not the happy ending, but the start of grueling trials that test Takako's mettle and resolve.

Japan2008 | Japanese, Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 124M

Director: Mitsuhiro Mihara

Cast: Miki Nakatani, Tatsuya Fuji, Kei Tanaka

21-Oct 6:00 PM Dole

23-Oct 3:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: NORIBEN / ANTIQUE

**A FROZEN FLOWER
SSANGHUA JEOM**

Spotlight on Korea

U.S. Premiere

The King of Goryeo shares his bed with handsome Chief Guard Hong Lim, a loyal lover the King raised from childhood. This blissful life ends when the King, unwilling to consummate with his Queen, is pressured to produce an heir or consign the throne to his cousin. Choosing duty over love, the King orders Hong Lim to impregnate the Queen. Tragedy ensues when the Queen and Hong Lim fall in love and their act of loyalty turns into betrayal.

South Korea2008 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 133M

Director: Ha Yoo

Cast: Jo In-seong, Ju Jin-mo, Song Ji-hyo, Shim Ji-ho

18-Oct 3:00 PM Dole

22-Oct 3:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: ANTIQUE / SCANDAL MAKERS

FRUIT FLY

American Indies

Hawaii Premiere

This funny and engrossing musical is full of catchy tunes and interesting visual effects. The story follows Bethesda, a young Filipina American, trying to make it in San Francisco. She lives in a house for struggling artists along with Windy, the fun loving gay guy, Sharon and Karen, the lesbians in love and Jacob, a troubled runaway. Through lighthearted humor and hilarious songs, deeper stories emerge and the five housemates come face to face with their problems.

United States 2009 | 94M

Director: H.P. Mendoza

Cast: L.A. Renigen, Mike Curtis, Theresa Navarro, Aaron Zaragoza

18-Oct 4:45 PM Dole

19-Oct 9:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: ETIENNE! / IF I KNEW WHAT YOU SAID

GIGANTE

PUMA EMERGING FILMMAKERS AWARD NOMINEE

Hawaii Premiere

GIGANTE is a quiet story of obsession, voyeurism and love. Jara, a gentle and kind nighttime security guard becomes obsessed with watching Julia, one of the cleaning ladies in the supermarket where they work. Soon, even watching her through the camera is not enough and he begins to follow her every move. Jara's life becomes dependent on spying on Julia and when he can't, he makes some brash decisions - decisions that may change his life forever.

Argentina, Spain, Germany 2009 | Spanish w/ English subtitles | 85M

Director: Adrian Biniez

Cast: Horacio Camandule, Leonor Svarcas, Fernando Alonso, Diego

18-Oct 9:15 PM Dole

19-Oct 12:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: CASTAWAY ON THE MOON / AMREEKA

THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN LA FILLE DU RER

World Cinema

Hawaii Premiere

A young French woman is brutally attacked by a group of Jewish teens on a Parisian train. The President and community rally around her for support. The problem: the attack is a lie. Director André Téchiné's fictional offering based on a true story expertly dissects the psychological circumstances and consequences surrounding this bold lie in a rich drama starring the legendary Catherine Deneuve.

France 2009 | French w/ English subtitles | 105M

Director: André Téchiné

Cast: Emilie Dequenne, Catherine Deneuve, Michel Blanc, Ronit Elkabetz, Mathieu Demy

15-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

19-Oct 2:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: TALENTIME / BARE ESSENCE OF LIFE

GOKUSEN THE MOVIE

Spotlight on Japan

North American Premiere

At first glance, Kumiko Yamaguchi seems like she can be easily intimidated, but much to everyone's surprise, she remains unfazed by her students' shenanigans. Her courage and discipline comes from being raised by a family who also happens to be a feared yakuza clan. With her strong sense of justice and her fierce brawling abilities, Kumiko follows her principles and upholds honor to solve the problems that trouble her students.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 118M

Director: Toya Sato

Cast: Yukie Nakama, Mokomichi Hayami, Jingi Irie, Yuma Ishigaki

16-Oct 6:00 PM Dole

17-Oct 2:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: 20TH CENTURY BOYS / DANCE SUBARU

GRANDPA IS DEAD DED NA SI LOLO

Spotlight on the Philippines
International Premiere

In Soxie Topacio's hilarious opus, the Filipino funeral is born anew. Deconstructed into several "pamahiin" (or folk wisdom) and structured over the course of a week-long wake, DED NA SI LOLO is the story of a family forced by circumstances to reunite and bear each other's companies while a wake for their dead father is held. Brilliantly cathartic, DED NA SI LOLO shows that Filipino cinema is alive and well in this story of life's triumph over death.

Philippines2009 | Tagalog w/ English subtitles | 90M

Director: Soxy Topacio

Cast: Roderick Paulate, Gina Alajar, Manilyn Reynes

16-Oct 6:45 PM Dole

23-Oct 11:30 AM Dole

MY HIFF: BFF / 24K

THE HARIMAYA BRIDGE

American Indies
U.S. Premiere

An American father travel's to rural Japan to claim some important items belonging to his late son, from whom he was estranged. Taking place in Kochi, a rural part of Japan where traditional customs remain strong, he learns several significant secrets his son left behind. THE HARIMAYA BRIDGE is a strong human drama that addresses the bond and conflict between father and son, along with the discrimination and prejudice that exists between people.

Japan, South Korea, United States 2009 | English, Japanese w/ English subtitles | 120M

Director: Aaron Woolfolk

Cast: Ben Guillory, Saki Takaoka, Misa Shimizu, Danny Glover

16-Oct 6:30 PM Dole

19-Oct 12:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: TALENTIME / PRECIOUS

HIGHWATER

Surf Cinema
Hawaii Premiere

HIGHWATER tells an inspiring story of competitors and non-competitors drawn to the spectacle of Oahu's North Shore during the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing held each year in Hawaii. Director Dana Brown brings the audience into close contact with the power of the ocean and those who call it their playground. Brown gives the audience the humor as well as the humanity of the situation, skillfully bringing the surfers and their families vividly to the forefront of the story.

United States 2008 | 90M

Director: Dana Brown
Featuring: Monique Marrier, David Sanderson, Kelly Slater
25-Oct 8:30 PM Dole
MY HIFF: DRIFTER / RIO BREAKS

**HOME FROM HOME
ENDSTATION DER SEHNSUCHE**

Reel Life
North American Premiere

Three women, each yearning to go home, return to a Korea that is no longer theirs after thirty years of absence. Back in the 1970's they left everything behind, even their children, to go and work in Germany as "Gastarbeiter." They assimilated quickly in the new country, despite missing the old one. Now they've almost made their dreams come true and have brought their German husbands to Dogil Maeul, the "German Village" set up just for people like themselves.

Germany, South Korea 2009 | German w/ English subtitles | 99M

Director: Sung Hyung Cho
Featuring: Armin Theis
16-Oct 3:00 PM Dole
22-Oct 11:45 AM Dole
MY HIFF: OLD PARTNER / QUICK, QUICK, SLOW

**HONOKAA BOY
HONOKAA BOI**

Spotlight on Japan
Hawaii Premiere

Leo, a Japanese boy, travels to Hawaii with his girlfriend, but they get into an argument over trifles creating tensions in their relationship. Six months later, Leo is living in the small town of Honokaa and training as a projectionist at The People's Theater. One day, he falls in love with local girl named Mariah, but this love causes some trouble.

Japan 2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 111M

Director: Atsushi Sanada
Cast: Masaki Okada, Chieko Baisho, Jun Hasegawa
21-Oct 12:15 PM Dole
22-Oct 11:30 AM Dole
MY HIFF: BARE ESSENCE OF LIFE / BEST OF TIMES

IF I KNEW WHAT YOU SAID

DINIG SANA KITA

Spotlight on the Philippines
U.S. Premiere

When Nina (a talented yet troubled musician) meets Kiko (a deaf teen with a passion for dancing) at camp, their love of music creates a strong bond between the two. While their friendship thrives at camp, maintaining it outside proves to be a challenge as both teens must find ways to adapt to each other's world. IF I KNEW WHAT YOU SAID has been winning audiences over with its exuberant cast and memorable soundtrack.

Philippines2009 | Tagalog w/ English subtitles | 88M

Director: Mike Sandejas

Cast: Zoe Sandejas, Rommelito Mallari, Robert Sena

16-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

20-Oct 12:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: DANCE SUBARU / 24K

IKIRU (TO LIVE)

FREE PUBLIC SCREENING

A Tribute to Madame Kawakita

IKIRU details the existential struggle of one ordinary man in his desperate search for purpose. Upon learning he has terminal stomach cancer, a low-level government bureaucrat leaves his job of thirty years without a word to find meaning in the year he has left to live. He is completely alone in the world - his wife is dead, his son is practically estranged, and his co-workers are little more than strangers.

Japan1952 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 143M

Director: Akira Kurosawa

Cast: Takashi Shimura, Shinichi Himori, Haruo Tanaka

17-Oct 5:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: RASHOMON / NECESSITIES OF LIFE

THE IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS

Gala Presentation

Hawaii Premiere

Long ago, Dr. Parnassus made a deal with the devil, trading his immortality for youth, on condition that when his first-born reached its 16th birthday he or she would become the devil's property. In this captivating, explosive and wonderfully imaginative race against time, Dr. Parnassus must fight to save his daughter in a never-ending landscape of surreal obstacles - and undo the mistakes of his past once and for all.

France, Canada, United Kingdom 2009 | 122M

Director: Terry Gilliam

Cast: Johnny Depp, Heath Ledger, Colin Farrell, Jude Law

23-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: FACE / MOTHER

INGREDIENTS

Green Screen
World Premiere

American food is in a state of crisis. Obesity and diabetes are on the rise, food costs are skyrocketing, family farms are in decline and our agricultural environment is in jeopardy. INGREDIENTS explores a thriving local food movement as our world becomes a more flavorless, disconnected and dangerous place to eat. INGREDIENTS is a journey that reveals the people behind the movement to bring good food back to the table and health back to our communities.

United States 2009 | 66M

Director: Robert Bates

Featuring: Bebe Neuwirth, Alice Waters, Greg Higgins

23-Oct 6:00 PM Dole

24-Oct 3:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: FLAVOR OF HAPPINESS / EARTH DAYS

**INVISIBLE KILLER
WU XING SHA**

New Chinese Cinema
North American Premiere

Gao Fei, is accused online of seducing a married woman. In response, his online "judges" mete out justice by digging up and posting personal information about him on the Internet. Branding him a "fugitive" online, the cyber assault on Gao's character turns even nastier when his home is attacked and a manhunt sponsored by a Web site to locate and interview him turns violent.

China 2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 96M

Director: Wang Jing

Cast: Yin Xiaotian, Feng Bo, Tang Yan, Li Yixiang

20-Oct 9:30 PM Dole

21-Oct 4:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: OVERHEARD / EMPIRE OF SILVER

IP MAN

Hong Kong Cinema
Hawaii Premiere

Destined to become a classic in the martial arts genre, HIFF is proud to present IP MAN, starring international action superstar Donnie Yen. In this thrilling biopic, Yen portrays the title role of the famed Wing Chun master Ip Man, who counted Bruce Lee among his many students. With intense combat sequences by action director Sammo Hung, IP MAN is sure to entertain audiences with its powerful combination of moving drama and breathtaking action.

Hong Kong 2008 | Cantonese w/ English subtitles | 107M

Director: Yip Wai-shun

Producer: Raymond Wong

Cast: Donnie Yen, Simon Yam, Hiroyuki Ikeuchi

17-Oct 3:45 PM Dole

18-Oct 12:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: ONG BAK 2 / REAL SHAOLIN

AN ISLAND CALLING

Reel Life
Hawaii Premiere

John Scott, director of the Fiji Red Cross, received international acclaim in May 2000 by courageously assisting a group of hostages being held in the Fijian Parliament for 56 days during a political coup. A year later, Scott, a Fiji-born descendent of a European colonial family, and his partner, Greg Scrivener, were found murdered. AN ISLAND CALLING is an unusual and intricate murder mystery, which seeks not to find the killer, but to discover the killer's motives through a society's politics and history.

New Zealand2008 | 75M

Director: Annie Goldson

Featuring: Owen Scott

20-Oct 2:00 PM Dole

22-Oct 1:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: STORM / 9500 LIBERTY

THE JAPANESE WIFE

Spotlight on India
U.S. Premiere

After corresponding for several years, Snehamoy Chatterjee, a shy math teacher in India, and Miyage, a woman from Japan decide to marry despite the distance between them. After 15 years of an intimate yet physically absent marriage, the delicate structure of Snehamoy's and Miyage's relationship is put to the test, when a recently widowed childhood friend arrives. THE JAPANESE WIFE is a haunting love story of a man who becomes an unwitting partner to two solitary women.

India2009 | English, Japanese, Bengali w/ English subtitles | 105M

Director: Aparna Sen

Cast: Rahul Bose, Raima Sen, Moushumi Chatterjee, Chigusa Takaku

24-Oct 7:30 PM Dole

25-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: BOMBAY SUMMER / APRIL BRIDE

JOHN RABE LA BEI RI JI

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE: NARRATIVE FEATURE
U.S. Premiere

Hamburg businessman John Rabe has lived with his wife Dora in Nanking for almost thirty years. As the head of the local branch of Siemens, he is now due to return to Berlin. But, during his farewell party, Nanking is bombed by the Japanese, who have recently taken Shanghai. The whole town is in panic and Rabe opens the doors of the company's compound in order to provide refuge for his workers and their families desperate to escape the raid.

France, China, Germany2009 | Mandarin, German, Japanese, Cantonese w/ English subtitles | 134M

Director: Florian Gallenberger

Cast: Ulrich Tukur, Daniel Brühl, Steve Buscemi, Anne Consigny

18-Oct 12:45 PM Dole

19-Oct 12:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: MAMMOTH / STRENGTH OF WATER

THE LAST BEEKEEPER

Green Screen
Hawaii Premiere

Bees are vanishing. Examining the enormity of this loss, Jeremy Simmons' documentary THE LAST BEEKEEPER follows the lives of three commercial beekeepers (from South Carolina, Montana, and Washington) over the course of a year as they struggle with Colony Collapse Disorder. "If all the bees die, what do you have to live for?" asks one of the beekeepers. It's a question for all of us.

United States2009 | 67M

Director: Jeremy Simmons
21-Oct 6:30 PM Dole
22-Oct 4:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: SAVING LUNA / EARTH DAYS

THE LEGEND IS ALIVE HUYEN THOAI BAT TU

Asian Showcase
Hawaii Premiere

Dustin Nguyen is back in front of the camera as a mentally challenged young man who might not have much book learning, but certainly excels in his kung fu stances. Exposed to Agent Orange when he was an infant, he stopped mentally developing when he was ten years old, at which time he was kicked out of formal school and underwent an 8 year home-school education. When his mother dies, he is all alone in the world and decides to return his mother's ashes to America.

Vietnam2009 | Vietnamese w/ English subtitles | 90M

Director: Luu Huynh Luu
Cast: Dustin Nguyen, Tran Thien Tu, Tran Bao Son, Sui Black
21-Oct 5:30 PM Dole
22-Oct 12:15 PM Dole
MY HIFF: MERANTAU / ALL ABOUT DAD

LOVE EXPOSURE AI NO MUKIDASHI

After Dark
Hawaii Premiere

Yu has no choice. His father, a Catholic priest, is urging him to confess, but in order to confess he must sin. So, Yu becomes a famous porno photographer, specializing in up-skirt photos. During one of his perverted excursions he meets and falls in love with schoolgirl Yoko. However, a villainess named Aya intervenes. Soon, she's manipulating these two star-crossed lovers in the name of the cult for which she works, the Zero Church. A four-hour magnum opus from Sono Sion (SUICIDE CLUB).

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 237M

Director: Sion Sono
Cast: Takahiro Nishijima, Hikari Mitsushima, Sakura Ando
22-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

24-Oct 3:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: VAMPIRE GIRL VS. FRANKENSTEIN GIRL / GOKUSEN

MADE IN CHINA

PUMA EMERGING FILMMAKERS AWARD NOMINEE

Hawaii Premiere

Johnson, a young man from a small town in East Texas has a big idea for a novelty invention. After many humorous attempts to raise funds in his hometown, he decides to head to the land of production - China. The confident but naive Johnson trusts everybody he comes across. Will innocent Johnson learn that there might be more to success than just a good idea?

United States 2009 | 87M

Director: Judi Krant

Cast: Jackson Kuehn, Dan Sumpter, Deng Juan, Syna Zhang

19-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

22-Oct 2:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: SELL OUT! / CHILDREN OF INVENTION

MAI MAI MIRACLE

Family Fest

North American Premiere

Shinko, a third grade elementary school student loves to daydream about the world of one thousand years ago. Her fantasies travel far into the days of the Heian Period (year 794-1185). One day a girl called Kiiko transfers from Tokyo and joins Shinko's class where they become good friends. Before long, the two of them become engulfed in a strange incident of one thousand years ago.

Japan 2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 95M

Director: Sunao Katabuchi

Cast: Mayuko Fukuda, Ei Morisako, Manami Honjou

24-Oct 3:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: SAVING LUNA / EVANGELION 2.0

MAMMOTH

MAMMUT

World Cinema

Hawaii Premiere

MAMMOTH intercuts three stories, set variously in the U.S., the Philippines and Thailand, each involving working parents who regret they can't spend more time with their children. However, the shallow, mega-wealthy, entitled American characters can afford top-of-the-line replacement child care in their deluxe Soho loft, in stark contrast to the single-mother Filipino nanny and the Thai sex worker, who struggle far from home to build a better life for their loved ones.

Denmark, Germany, Sweden 2009 | English, Thai, Tagalog w/ English subtitles | 125M

Director: Lukas Moodysson

Cast: Gael Garcia Bernal, Michelle Williams, Marife Necesito, Thomas McCarthy

18-Oct 6:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: GIRL ON THE TRAIN / JOHN RABE

MARY & MAX

World Cinema
Hawaii Premiere

This amazing claymation film tells the dark but heartwarming story of an unusual and unlikely pen-pal friendship between two misfits from very different walks of life--Mary Dinkle, a chubby, lonely, 8-year-old Australian girl and Max Horowitz, a 44-year-old, severely obese, Jewish-American man with Asperger syndrome. This visual masterpiece subtly and deftly explores the absurdities of life, as seen through the eyes of two very different, but similar people.

Australia2009 | 92M

Director: Adam Elliot

Cast: Toni Collette, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Eric Bana

19-Oct 4:15 PM Dole

20-Oct 1:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: UNDER THE MOUNTAIN / WHITE ON RICE

MERANTAU

After Dark
Hawaii Premiere

Yuda, a skilled practitioner of Silat Harimau, is in the final preparations to begin his "Merantau," a century's old rites-of-passage to be carried out by the community's young men that will see him leave the comforts of his idyllic farming village and make a name for himself in the bustling city of Jakarta. After a series of setbacks leave Yuda homeless and uncertain about his new future, a chance encounter results in an adrenaline charged, jaw-dropping battle against evil sex traffickers.

Indonesia2009 | Indonesian w/ English subtitles | 106M

Director: Gareth Huw Evans

Cast: Iko Uwais, Sisca Jessica, Christine Hakim, Mads Koudal

17-Oct 9:45 PM Dole

22-Oct 6:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: ONG BAK 2 / DISTRICT 13 ULTIMATUM

A MIDSUMMER'S OKINAWAN DREAM MANATSU NO YORU NO YUME

Spotlight on Okinawa
North American Premiere

Mensore! (Welcome!) A beautiful tropical island in Okinawa is the backdrop to Shakespeare's comedic classic. The famous tale of supernatural fairies interfering in the lives of mortals gets an original cultural retelling, complete with sanshin playing spirits called Kijimun and a traditional shisa lion dance! The merriment begins when Yuriko (Yuki Shibamoto) flees to her rural Okinawan hometown to escape an unwanted boyfriend. Once there, Yuriko crosses paths with a Kijimun who changes her life forever.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 105M

Director: Yuji Nakae

Cast: Yuki Shibamoto, Honami Kurashita, Tomi Taira, Susumu Taira

18-Oct 12:30 PM Dole

21-Oct 3:00 PM Dole
MY HIFF: COBALT BLUE / FACE

A MILLION 10-EOK

Spotlight on Korea
International Premiere

Eight contestants have come to Perth, Australia for one thing - to win a million bucks. Soon the contestants discover that TV producer Jang really meant it when he said it was a survival game, and the kooky-eyed man makes no secret of it as participants are soon dropping like flies. With a tightly knit script, seamless acting and layers of tense drama, A MILLION will keep the audience at the edge of their seats.

South Korea2009 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 113M

Director: Jo Min-Ho
Cast: Park Hae-il, Shin Min-a, Park Hie-sun, Lee Min-gi
17-Oct 4:45 PM Dole
18-Oct 12:00 PM Dole
MY HIFF: ONG BAK 2 / SYMBOL

MILTON GLASER: TO INFORM AND DELIGHT

Art & Design
Hawaii Premiere

From newspapers and magazine designs, to interior spaces, logos, and brand identities, to his celebrated prints, drawings, posters and paintings, this documentary offers audiences a rich appreciation of one of the great modern renaissance men. Artfully directed by first time filmmaker Wendy Keys, the film glances into everyday moments of Milton Glaser's personal life and captures his immense warmth, humanity and the boundless depth of his intelligence and creativity.

United States2009 | 73M

Director: Wendy Keys
Featuring: Milton Glaser, Katrina vanden Heuvel, Shirley Glaser
17-Oct 8:30 PM Dole
20-Oct 11:30 AM Dole
MY HIFF: OBJECTIFIED / ART & COPY

MORE THAN A GAME

Reel Life
Oahu Premiere

Five talented young basketball players from Akron, Ohio star in this remarkable true-life coming of age story about uncommon friendship in the face of all too common adversities. Coached by a player's charismatic but inexperienced father, and led by future NBA superstar LeBron James, the "Fab Five"'s improbable seven-year journey leads them from a decrepit inner-city gym to the doorstep of a national high school championship.

United States2008 | 105M

Director: Kristopher Belman

Featuring: LeBron James, Dru Joyce, Romeo Travis, Sian Cotton

19-Oct 6:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: PRECIOUS / AFTER THE STORM

NADA SOU SOU (TEARS FOR YOU)

Spotlight on Okinawa

Hawaii Premiere

NADA SOU SOU tells the story of the Shingaki siblings - Yota and Kaoru. Left to fend for themselves at a very young age after their father abandons them, these two half-siblings have only each other. As vowed on their mother's deathbed, Yota is obligated to provide the best for Kaoru, and does so almost to the extreme.

Japan2006 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 118M

Director: Nobuhiro Doi

Cast: Satoshi Tsumabuki, Masami Nagasawa, Kumiko Aso

24-Oct 10:15 AM Dole

25-Oct 11:00 AM Dole

MY HIFF: BEST OF TIMES / COBALT BLUE

THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE CE QU'IL FAUT POUR VIVRE

World Cinema

Hawaii Premiere

In the 1950s, after being diagnosed with tuberculosis, Tivii, an Inuit hunter, is forced from his family and home by Canadian authorities and quarantined in a Quebec City tuberculosis sanitarium. After falling into a deep depression, Tivii's spirits are renewed when he takes a fatherly interest in a similarly afflicted Inuit orphan boy. This film won several awards at the Montreal World Film Festival, including a special Grand Prize of the Jury.

Canada2008 | French, Inuktitut w/ English subtitles | 102M

Director: Benoit Pilon

Cast: Denis Bernard, Eveline Gelin, Vincent-Guillaume Otis

16-Oct 3:15 PM Dole

17-Oct 9:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: JOHN RABE / OLD PARTNER

NINOY & THE RISE OF PEOPLE POWER

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE : DOCUMENTARY

World Premiere

An eyewitness account of dictatorship, assassination and revolution matching Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and opposition leader Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. in a power struggle that catches the United States in a diplomatic dilemma. The political rivalry between President Marcos and Senator Aquino Jr. reaches its boiling point in 1972 after the top opposition leader launches a Senate inquiry into a sexplosive love triangle caught on tape.

United States2009 | 56M

Director: Tom Coffman

Featuring: Ken Kashiwahara, Lupita Aquino, Butz Aquino, Tessie Aquino

18-Oct 12:00 PM Dole

21-Oct 4:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: STORM / 9500 LIBERTY

NO IMPACT MAN: THE DOCUMENTARY

Green Screen

Hawaii Premiere

Colin Beavan is a man with a blog and a mission: to live one year with no net impact on the environment. That means giving up many of the things that we, as a society of consumers, accept as necessities for daily life. NO IMPACT MAN takes a fascinating and often beautiful look into one extraordinary year in the life of a man and his family, who are along for the ride whether they like it or not.

United States2009 | 93M

Director: Laura Gabbert, Justin Schein

Featuring: Colin Beavan, Michelle Conlin

24-Oct 8:15 PM Dole

25-Oct 1:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: BURNING SEASON / EARTH DAYS

NORIBEN - THE RECIPE FOR FORTUNE

Spotlight on Japan

North American Premiere

Based on the popular manga of the same name, Noriben tells the story of 31-year-old Nagai Komaki who divorces her aspiring yet failing novelist husband and moves back to her hometown with her young daughter, Non-chan. An old childhood flame, persistent ex-husband, and a reluctant culinary mentor begin to complicate matters, clouding Komaki's dreams of independence and financial stability. Packed with delicious visual imagery, this film is sure to please the senses.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 107M

Director: Akira Ogata

Cast: Manami Konishi, Yoshinori Okada, Jun Murakami

19-Oct 6:00 PM Dole

23-Oct 12:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: INGREDIENTS / FLAVOR OF HAPPINESS

OBJECTIFIED

Art & Design

Hawaii Premiere

OBJECTIFIED is a feature-length independent documentary about industrial design. It is a look at the creativity at work behind everything from toothbrushes to tech gadgets. The film documents the creative processes of some of the world's most influential designers, and looks at how the things they make impact our lives. What can we learn about who we are, and who we want to be, from the objects with which we surround ourselves?

United States2009 | English, French, Dutch, Japanese | 75M

Director: Gary Hustwit

Featuring: Paola Antonelli, Chris Bangle, Andrew Blauvelt, Erwan Bouroullec

21-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

23-Oct 1:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: VISUAL ACOUSTICS / DIED YOUNG, STAYED PRETTY

OLD PARTNER WYO-NANG SO-RI

Reel Life

Hawaii Premiere

In a remote, verdant valley in South Korea, old Mr. and Mrs. Lee live on a farm with their rickety ox. For forty years, the animal has served them faithfully hauling untold firewood loads and dragging the plow through fertile fields. In return, Mr. Lee collects special fodder by hand and refuses to spray insecticides for fear of poisoning his beloved beast. A charming, heartbreaking, existential buddy tale, OLD PARTNER conveys the almost mystical inextricability of humans and nature.

South Korea2008 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 77M

Director: Chung-ryoul Lee

Featuring: Choi Won-kyun, Lee Sam-soon

17-Oct 11:00 AM Dole

19-Oct 1:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF; HOME FROM HOME / MOTHER

ONCE UPON A TIME IN RIO ERA UMA VEZ...

World Cinema

Hawaii Premiere

Young De lives alone with his mother Bernadete. He belongs to this invisible class, working as a hot dog vendor at one of the stalls in Ipanema. One day at the beach, De meets Nina, the only child of a lawyer, Evandro. They fall in love, despite coming from vastly different communities. Unfolding like a fairy tale, Once Upon a Time in Rio is a tragic love story set in a city divided by economic privilege and prejudice.

Brazil2009 | Portuguese w/ English subtitles | 117M

Director: Breno Silveira

Cast: Thiago Martins, Vitoria Frate, Rocco Pitanga, Cyria Coentro

18-Oct 5:30 PM Dole

21-Oct 1:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: TALENTIME / BEST OF TIMES

ONG BAK 2

After Dark

Hawaii Premiere

Martial arts superstar Tony Jaa returns in ONG BAK 2, a thrilling action film set in 18th century Thailand. Jaa plays a man raised by a rainbow coalition of kung-fu pirates who grows up to take on the brutal men who enslaved him as a child, using the many fighting styles he learned from his companions. As usual in a Jaa movie, the fights are thrilling, the stuntmen get brutalized, and the action is non-stop. A can't miss for martial arts fans.

Thailand2008 | Thai w/ English subtitles | 110M

Director: Tony Jaa, Panna Rittikrai

Cast: Tony Jaa, Sorapong Chatree, Saruny Wongkrachang

18-Oct 9:30 PM Dole

19-Oct 8:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: MERANTAU / LEGEND IS ALIVE

OVERHEARD QIE TING FENG YUN

Hong Kong Cinema

International Premiere

In OVERHEARD, three police surveillance officers on a corporate crime-busting mission cross the ethical line, triggering disastrous consequences. Screenwriters-directors Alan Mak and Felix Chong (whose detective trilogy INFERNAL AFFAIRS was remade into Scorsese's THE DEPARTED) take the shady concept of eavesdropping, plant it in Hong Kong's wheeling-and-dealing financial sector and set in motion a tightly-coiled, character-driven, morally ambiguous parable of crime and punishment

Hong Kong2009 | Cantonese w/ English subtitles | 100M

Director: Felix Chong, Alan Mak

Cast: Daniel Wu, Louis Koo, Sean Lau Ching Wan, Zhang Jingchu,

19-Oct 10:00 PM Dole

20-Oct 3:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: INVISIBLE KILLER / PRIVATE EYE

THE PEOPLE I'VE SLEPT WITH

American Immigrant Filmmakers on Profile

World Premiere

Angela Yang loves sex. She loves it so much she needs to make baseball cards of her lovers to help her remember where she's been. She doesn't think twice about her lifestyle until she finds out that she's pregnant and goes on a quest to find the identity of the father by any means necessary.

Canada, United States2009 | 89M

Director: Quentin Lee

Cast: Karin Anna Cheung, Wilson Cruz, Archie Kao, Lynn Chen, James Shigeta

18-Oct 3:00 PM Dole

19-Oct 1:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: WHITE ON RICE / LOVE EXPOSURE

PETITION LA COUR DES PLAIGNANTS

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE : DOCUMENTARY

U.S. Premiere

PETITION, directed by Zhao Liang, is a unique testimony about China today. Gathered near the complaints offices, around the southern railway station of Beijing, living in most cases in makeshift shelters, the complainants wait for months or years to obtain justice. Zhao Liang has accompanied several of them, particularly a mother and her daughter, whose full story we follow over ten years.

China, France2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 120M

Director: Zhao Liang

17-Oct 1:30 PM Dole

20-Oct 1:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: VILLAGE CALLED VERSAILLES / OLD PARTNER

PIDGIN: THE VOICE OF HAWAII'I

Made in Hawaii

World Premiere

Born on sugar plantations and once spoken by more than half of Hawaii's population, the Pidgin language - part English, part Hawaiian, with influences from other languages - captures the essence of multi-ethnic Hawaii. PIDGIN: THE VOICE OF HAWAII profiles this working-class language from its rise as plantation jargon to a source of island identity and pride.

United States2009 | 57M

Director: Marlene Booth

Featuring: Kanalu Young, Lee Tonouchi, Teresa Lau

18-Oct 7:00 PM Sunset on the Beach

25-Oct 11:00 AM Dole

MY HIFF: STATE OF ALOHA / NINOY

A PLACE OF ONE'S OWN

Asian Showcase

U.S. Premiere

Yi-an's debut feature is a modern fable on the life and coincidences in Taipei. Master Lin (Jack Kao) is a master funeral origami maker whose business is declining. When Lin discovers he has terminal cancer, their son Gang sets off a series of actions that has indirect consequences for a young rock musician couple, Kasey (Lu Chia-Hsin) and Mozi (Mo Zi-Yi). Superstitions, religious beliefs and luck are intertwined while each character strives for their mark in life.

Taiwan2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 118M

Director: Lou Yi-An

Cast: Mo Tzu-Yi, Jack Kao, Lu Yi-Jing, Lu Jia-Xin

16-Oct 9:00 PM Dole

23-Oct 2:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: YANG YANG / BARE ESSENCE OF LIFE

PRECIOUS - BASED ON THE NOVEL PUSH BY SAPPHIRE

Gala Presentation

Hawaii Premiere

Claireece "Precious" Jones is a sixteen-year-old African-American girl born into a life no one would want. Precious may sometimes be down, but she is never out. Beneath her impassive expression is a watchful, curious young woman with an inchoate but unshakeable sense that other possibilities exist for her. Presented by Tyler Perry and Oprah Winfrey, PRECIOUS has garnered awards and praise since its debut, and is already a strong contender for the upcoming award season.

United States2009 | 109M

Director: Lee Daniels

Cast: Gabourey "Gabby" Sidibe, Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, Mariah Carey

22-Oct 7:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: MORE THAN A GAME / MAMMOTH

PRINCE OF BROADWAY

American Immigrant Filmmakers on Profile

Hawaii Premiere

PRINCE OF BROADWAY is the story of Lucky and Levon, two men whose lives converge in the underbelly of New York's wholesale fashion district. Lucky's world is suddenly turned upside down when a child is thrust into his life by a woman who insists the toddler is his son. While Lucky copes with his new domestic dilemma, Levon struggles to save a marriage that is falling apart.

United States2008 | 102M

Director: Sean Baker

Cast: Prince Adu, Karren Karagulian, Aiden Noesi, Keyali Mayaga

20-Oct 7:00 PM Dole

21-Oct 3:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: BOMBAY SUMMER / YANG YANG

PRIVATE EYE

GEU-RIM JA-SA-RIN

Spotlight on Korea

Hawaii Premiere

An overzealous young medical student (Ryu Deok-hwan) finds a dead body in the middle of a field and brings it home to practice his surgical skills. Turns out, the body is that of the son of a prominent government official. The young student secures the services of a private eye (Hwang Jeong-ming) to find the killer. With the help of a brilliant inventor (Uhm Ji-won), the mismatched pair set out to solve the crime.

South Korea2009 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 111M

Director: Park Dae-min

Cast: Hwang Jung-min, Ryu Deok-hwan, Uhm Ji-won

24-Oct 9:30 PM Dole

25-Oct 7:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: A MILLION / FROZEN FLOWER

QUICK, QUICK, SLOW

New Chinese Cinema

International Premiere

QUICK, QUICK, SLOW is set in Shanghai during the months leading up to the Beijing Olympics. Fame and wealth become just some of the perks motivating a motley crew of seniors to enter a dance contest allegedly affiliated with the games' official events. Amidst the comical audition scenes, outlandish training sessions and personality clashes that are on par for the course in this genre, a tender yet admirably understated relationship blossoms between married security guard Zhou Jianguo and retired professional dancer Lin Yaqin.

China2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 82M

Director: Ye Kai

Cast: Yao Anlian, Gu Yan, Weng Guojun, Cai Haosheng

24-Oct 1:45 PM Dole

25-Oct 3:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: DANCE SUBARU / EMPIRE OF SILVER

THE RAINBOW TROOPS LASKAR PELANGI

Asian Showcase

Hawaii Premiere

Heart-warming and beautiful, THE RAINBOW TROOPS is a coming of age tale about ten students in the last free school in Belitong, Indonesia. Set in the 1970's when poor children immediately became "Coolies" (manual laborers) and only rich kids received an education, one school fought to stay open to give these kids a chance. We watch as these disadvantaged students struggle for the right to make their dreams a reality.

Indonesia2008 | Indonesian w/ English subtitles | 124M

Director: Riri Riza

Cast: Cut Mini, Zulfani, Ferdian, Veris Yamarno, Ikranagara

16-Oct 12:30 PM Dole

17-Oct 12:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: AFTER THE STORM / TALENTIME

RASHOMON

FREE PUBLIC SCREENING

A Tribute to Madame Kawakita

A priest and a woodcutter, each looking stricken, discuss the trial of a notorious bandit for rape and murder. As the retelling of the trial unfolds, the participants in the crime -- the bandit (Toshiro Mifune), the rape victim (Machiko Kyo), and the murdered man (Masayuki Mori) -- tell their plausible though completely contradictory versions of the story. This landmark film, directed by the legendary Akira Kurosawa, is a brilliant exploration of truth and human weakness.

Japan1980 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 88M

Director: Akira Kurosawa

Cast: Toshiro Mifune, Machiko Kyo, Masayuki Mori

16-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: STORM / INVISIBLE KILLER

THE REAL SHAOLIN

New Chinese Cinema

Hawaii Premiere

THE REAL SHAOLIN is a moving and poetic documentary which chronicles two Chinese and two Westerners at the various Shaolin Temples in China. Westerners Orion and Eric make their pilgrimage to study under legendary Kung Fu masters. Yuan Peng and Zhu are two Chinese students of Kung Fu trying to make a better life for themselves. These four lives that are depicted illuminate the virtue of dreams and the will of the human spirit.

China, United States 2008 | English, French, Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 89M

Director: Alexander Sebastien Lee

Cast: Qi Yuan Peng, Zhu Hao Shan, Orion Lee, Eric Guillou

16-Oct 9:00 PM Dole

20-Oct 8:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: IP MAN / MERANTAU

**RED RIVER
HONG HE**

New Chinese Cinema
International Premiere

After watching her father die by a landmine in Vietnam, Tao's shock causes her to become mentally unstable. She crosses the Red River in Yunnan between the China/Vietnam border in order to visit her aunt Shui who grudgingly takes the young woman in and puts her to work in her massage parlor. A love triangle ensues when Tao catches the attention of two very different suitors that leads to an emotional and surprising conclusion.

China 2009 | Vietnamese, Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 110M

Director: Zhang Jiarui

Cast: Zhang Jingchu, Zhang Jiahui

20-Oct 6:45 PM Dole

21-Oct 12:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: WHEAT / RED CLIFF

RIO BREAKS

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE : DOCUMENTARY
U.S. Premiere

RIO BREAKS is more than just a film about surfing. It follows the story of two best friends, Fabio and Nama, as they navigate their way between the pitfalls of life in the slums and the joys of surfing on their favorite beach. Their goal: to win the contest and become professional surfers.

United States, Brazil 2009 | Portuguese w/ English subtitles | 84M

Director: Justin Mitchell

Featuring: Fabio, Naama

19-Oct 9:00 PM Dole

21-Oct 2:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: DRIFTER / WHITE THUNDER

**RUNNING TURTLE
GEO-BOK-I DAL-LIN-DA**

Spotlight on Korea
North American Premiere

A series of painful setbacks await Detective Pil-seong (Kim Yoon-seok) when legendary escape artist, Gi-tae (Chung Kyung-ho), swoops into town and gets entangled with the detective. The initial showdown between the two characters results in a humiliating defeat for Pil-seong, who loses his job and becomes

the joke of the town. In order to redeem his honor and gain back his job, the disgraced Pil-seong makes it his mission to capture the elusive Gi-tae.

South Korea2009 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 117M

Director: Lee Yeon-woo

Cast: Kim Yoon-seok, Jeong Kyeong-ho, Seon Woo-seon, Kyeon Miri

22-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

24-Oct 3:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: OVERHEARD / MOTHER

**SAVING LUNA
ENGLISH**

Family Fest

Hawaii Premiere

Luna, a baby male orca, gets separated from his family on the rugged coast of Vancouver Island. All alone, he tries to make friends with humans. People fall in love with him, but the government tries to keep him and people apart. This leads to battles between government and First Nations, and between those who love Luna and those who think he should be killed.

Canada2008 | 93M

Director: Suzanne Chisholm, Michael Parfit

17-Oct 7:00 PM Sunset on the Beach

22-Oct 4:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: BURNING SEASON / LAST BEEKEEPER

**SCANDAL MAKERS
KWASOK SCANDLE**

Gala Presentation

Hawaii Premiere

Hyun-soo is a washed up radio host. Jung-nam, a single mother, calls in about her desire to meet her biological father. Capturing the nation's hearts, the radio show's ratings skyrocket. One day, Jung-nam, and her young son show up at Hyun-soo's door, claiming that he is her father. He balks. But when Jung-nam threatens to go public, Hyun-soo is forced to cohabitate with his new "family" or risk losing his new celebrity status. A sleeper hit in Korea this year!

South Korea2008 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 108M

Director: Hyeong-Cheol Kang

Cast: Cha Tae-hyun, Ahn Il-Kwon, Hong Kyeong-min, Hwang Seok-hyeon

18-Oct 6:45 PM Dole

19-Oct 4:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: CASTAWAY ON THE MOON / NORIBEN

SELL OUT!

PUMA EMERGING FILMMAKERS AWARD NOMINEE

U.S. Premiere

Rafflesia Pong is the host of an interview show, dedicated to the arts. Eric Tan is a product engineer, whose latest invention makes 10 different products with soybeans. Unfortunately, both are employed by

FONY, a multi-national conglomerate where creative thought is discouraged and profit margins are the bottom line. As FONY's corporate brass pressures them to sell out, Tony and Rafflesia must conspire, plot, and sing, in order to maintain their creative integrity.

Malaysia2009 | English, Mandarin, Cantonese w/ English subtitles | 106M

Director: Yeo Joon Han

Cast: Jerrica Lai, Kee Thuan Chye, Peter Davis

17-Oct 1:45 PM Dole

22-Oct 2:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: MADE IN CHINA / BARE ESSENCE OF LIFE

SIDEWAYS

Gala Presentation

World Premiere

In a last-ditch effort to sow their wild oats, Michio (Fumiyo Kohinata) and Daisuke (Katsuhisa Namase) take off on a final road trip to California's wine country the week prior to Daisuke 's wedding. When the men encounter two fascinating women (Kyoka Suzuki and Rinko Kikuchi), the duo is forced to re-examine their lives. SIDEWAYS is a delightful Japanese adaptation of its American counterpart. Plus, local boy Jake Shimabukuro composed music to the soundtrack.

Japan2009 | Japanese, English w/ English subtitles | 123M

Director: Cellin Gluck

Cast: Fumiyo Kohinata, Katsuhisa Namase, Rinko Kikuchi

17-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

24-Oct 12:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: BEST OF TIMES / INGREDIENTS

SNOW PRINCE

SNOW PRINCE: KINJIRARETA KOI NO MELODY

Spotlight on Japan

North American Premiere

Ten year-old Sota lives in poverty with his grandfather in a small snowy village. Sayo, a girl from a wealthy family, has been his best friend ever since they were little despite the difference of their family's social position. One night, Sota traverses down a snowy night path to Sayo's house only to find that her father's storage is on fire. The final outcome that awaits Sota is a gentle reminder that genuine happiness always exists in your heart. From the team that brought us DEPARTURES.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 115M

Director: Joji Matsuoka

Cast: Shintaro Morimoto, Marino Kuwajima, Tadanobu Asano

20-Oct 6:45 PM Dole

24-Oct 7:15 PM Dole

MY HIFF: NECESSITIES OF LIFE / MAI MAI MIRACLE

STATE OF ALOHA

HALEKULANI GOLDEN ORCHID AWARD NOMINEE : DOCUMENTARY

World Premiere

Directed and produced by Anne Misawa (TREELESS MOUNTAIN, HIFF 2008), STATE OF ALOHA traces the journey of Hawai'i's fifty years of statehood through over thirty key interviews, which cover a representative span of the Hawai'i population including witnesses from the political arena, entertainment, business, and academia. Anchored by personal stories, the motivating paths toward statehood are addressed as well as the legacy left behind.

United States 2009 | 80M

Director: Anne Misawa

Featuring: Jason Scott Lee, Al Quan Mcelrath, Daniel Inouye, Don Ho, John Waihee

18-Oct 2:45 PM Dole

22-Oct 2:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: NINOY / PIDGIN

STORM

Gala Presentation

U.S. Premiere

Hannah Maynard, prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, is leading a trial against a former commander of the Yugoslavian National Army who is accused of the deportation and later killing of dozens of Bosnian-Muslim civilians. Hannah and a key witness for the trial must both risk life and limb to make it to the court, only to discover that there are traitors among their own ranks.

Germany, Denmark, Netherlands 2009 | English, German | 110M

Director: Hans-Christian Schmid

Cast: Kerry Fox, Anamaria Marinca, Stephen Dillane, Rolf Lassgard

19-Oct 6:00 PM Dole

21-Oct 9:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: JOHN RABE / AN ISLAND CALLING

THE STRENGTH OF WATER

World Cinema

Hawaii Premiere

Kimi and Melody, twins in a Maori farm family, are forever changed when the village's tapu house becomes occupied by a drifter and a terrible accident rattles the entire village. The starkly beautiful Hokianga coast and haunting score amplify the moving performances of the film's young actors. The Strength of Water sensitively examines life and loss in a rural Maori community. From first-time director Armagan Ballantyne and award-winning playwright Briar Grace-Smith.

New Zealand 2009 | English, Maori w/ English subtitles | 86M

Director: Armagan Ballantyne

Cast: Hato Papatua, Melanie Mayall-Nahi, Jim Moriarty, Nancy Brunning

15-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

19-Oct 5:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: UNDER THE MOUNTAIN / AFTER THE STORM

SYMBOL SHINBORU

After Dark

U.S. Premiere

Hitoshi Matsumoto (DAINIPPONJIN, HIFF 2007) is back with his second feature film SYMBOL, a mind-melting journey into the deepest realm of the imagination. A Japanese man wakes up alone in a brightly illuminated white room with no windows or doors. His absurd and hilarious attempts to escape the room releases random objects from the walls, creating a life-sized Mouse Trap game in which a rope, a toilet plunger and an earthenware jug full of sushi just might be the keys to his escape.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 93M

Director: Hitoshi Matsumoto

Cast: Adriana Fricke, Hitoshi Matsumoto

20-Oct 9:15 PM Dole

24-Oct 3:45 PM Dole

MY HIFF: AIR DOLL / WHITE ON RICE

TALENTIME

Asian Showcase

Hawaii Premiere

A talent search competition has matched two hearts - that of Melur, a Malay-mixed girl, and Mahesh, an Indian male student who is deaf. Melur, who is an amazing singer-songwriter, is a finalist of the Talentime competition of her school. They face many obstacles (racial/religious/disability) in their budding romance. Just a day before the competition, is Melur resilient enough to sing the poetic lyrics of her song when her heart is tormented by the thoughts of Mahesh? On Talentime night, everything unfolds.

Malaysia2008 | Malay w/ English subtitles | 110M

Director: Yasmin Ahmad

Cast: Mahesh Jugal Kishor, Pamela Chong Ven Teen, Mohammad Syafie b Naswip

19-Oct 3:15 PM Dole

20-Oct 4:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: CHILDREN OF INVENTION / RAINBOW TROOPS

UNDER THE MOUNTAIN

Family Fest

U.S. Premiere

Based on Maurice Gee's best-selling novel, UNDER THE MOUNTAIN is an exciting and suspenseful fantasy adventure set amid Auckland's breathtaking natural landscape. In this thrilling adaptation by Jonathan King, teenaged twins with a special talent face off against an ancient evil that lurks beneath the city's ring of dormant volcanoes. UNDER THE MOUNTAIN also offers sensitive insight into the importance of co-operation and accepting support in times of crisis.

New Zealand2009 | 91M

Director: Jonathan King

Cast: Sam Neill, Matthew Chamberlain, Sophie McBride

18-Oct 12:15 PM Dole

19-Oct 3:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: MERANTAU / PRIVATE EYE

**VAMPIRE GIRL VS FRANKENSTEIN GIRL
KYUKETSU SHOJO TAI SHOJO FURANKEN**

After Dark
Hawaii Premiere

Monami is a centuries-old vampire with the appearance of young schoolgirl. Keiko is a former schoolgirl who has been transformed into a Frankenstein-type monster. When both decide to claim their high school's heartthrob, Jyugon, as her own, an epic battle ensues -- where blood is sprayed, limbs are severed, and everyone in their paths is annihilated. Meanwhile, Jyugon can only ponder why no one has bothered to ask him how he feels.

Japan2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 85M

Director: Yoshihiro Nishimura, Naoyuki Tomomatsu

Cast: Yukie Kawamura, Eri Otoguro, Eihi Shiina

15-Oct 10:30 PM Dole

16-Oct 10:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: AIR DOLL / GOKUSEN

A VILLAGE CALLED VERSAILLES

American Immigrant Filmmakers on Profile
Hawaii Premiere

A VILLAGE CALLED VERSAILLES is a full-length documentary about Versailles, a community in eastern New Orleans first settled by Vietnamese refugees. After Hurricane Katrina, Versailles residents impressively rise to the challenges by returning and rebuilding before most neighborhoods in New Orleans, only to have their homes threatened by a new government-imposed toxic landfill just two miles away.

United States2009 | English, Vietnamese w/ English subtitles | 68M

Director: S. Leo Chiang

Featuring: Father Vien Nguyen, Mimi Nguyen, Minh Nguyen

15-Oct 10:30 PM Dole

16-Oct 10:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: 9500 LIBERTY / PETITION

VISUAL ACOUSTICS

Reel Life
Hawaii Premiere

VISUAL ACOUSTICS celebrates the life and career of Julius Shulman, the world's greatest architectural photographer, whose images brought modern architecture to the American mainstream. His images epitomized the singular beauty of Southern California's modernist movement and brought its iconic structures to the attention of the general public. This unique film is both a testament to the evolution of modern architecture and a joyful portrait of the magnetic whip-smart gentleman who chronicled it with his unforgettable images.

United States2008 | 83M

Director: Eric Bricker

Featuring: Frances Anderton, Kelly Lynch, Dante Spinotti

16-Oct 1:00 PM Dole

24-Oct 5:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: TATTOO THE WORLD / ART AND COPY

WHATEVER IT TAKES

Reel Life
Hawaii Premiere

In order to combat rising problems in public schools, New York City decided to create hundreds of small schools in the poorest areas of the city, mainly the South Bronx. The Bronx Center for Science and Mathematics was one of these new schools aimed to make a difference in the neighborhood. WHATEVER IT TAKES covers the first year of this school's existence, concentrating on Principal Tom, Science teacher Ms. Balogh and student Sharifea (aka Ya-Ya).

United States2009 | 92M

Director: Christopher Wong
18-Oct 6:00 PM Dole
22-Oct 2:30 PM Dole
MY HIFF: AFTER THE STORM / BLAST!

WHEAT MAI TIAN

New Chinese Cinema
Hawaii Premiere

While the men have gone off to war against Qin, it falls to the women of Zhao to sustain the city, including the harvest of the wheat crop. Meanwhile two soldiers from Qin, weary of the horrors of war, are swept away in a river in their attempt to escape their battalion. Washed ashore, they are found by the women of Zhao. Will the women imprison these strangers or believe they are Zhao soldiers returning from war to help them?

China, Hong Kong2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 108M

Director: He Ping
Cast: Fan Bing Bing, Huang Jue, Du Jia Yi, Wang Xue Qi,
20-Oct 3:15 PM Dole
21-Oct 6:45 PM Dole
MY HIFF: RED RIVER / WARRIOR AND THE WOLF

WHITE ON RICE

American Immigrant Filmmakers on Profile
Hawaii Premiere

Jimmy, 40-years-old and divorced, shares a bunk bed with Bob, his 10-year-old nephew. He lives with his sister Aiko and her family. His brother-in-law, Tak, thinks he's a disaster. And although Jimmy may lack social grace, he is determined to find a new wife. His plan seems like it's all falling into place when Tak's beautiful niece Ramona moves in. But once Jimmy sets his sights on stealing her from his best friend Tim, he sees his intentions go hilariously awry.

United States2009 | English, Japanese w/ English subtitles | 86M

Director: Dave Boyle
Producer: Duane Andersen, Dominic Fratto, Michael Lerman
Cast: Hiroshi Watanabe, Nae, Mio Takada, Lynn Chen, James Kyson Lee
19-Oct 7:30 PM Dole
20-Oct 9:30 PM Dole

MY HIFF: FRUITFLY / ETIENNE!

WHITE THUNDER: GLACIER SURFING

Surf Cinema
World Premiere

In the summer of 2007, two big wave surf champions, Garrett McNamara and Kealii Mamala traveled to the 'wilds' of Alaska to attempt an almost unimaginable feat. Their mission was to surf a wave unlike any that had been surfed before - a wave produced by a glacier. If they succeed, it will be a historic 'first' in surfing, opening new ideas to what is truly possible; failure could mean their death.

United States2009 | 75M

Director: Ryan Casey, Brent Meeske
Featuring: Garrett McNamara, Kealii Mamala
23-Oct 6:30 PM Dole
24-Oct 12:00 PM Dole
MY HIFF: RIO BREAKS / HIGHWATER

YANG YANG

PUMA EMERGING FILMMAKERS AWARD NOMINEE
U.S. Premiere

Even though Yang Yang has a French father, she does not speak a single word of French as she has never even met her father. She starts to work as a model and her agent turns her Eurasian heritage into her selling point. When she receives an offer to play the leading role in a film about a young Eurasian woman in search of her French father, Yang Yang is forced to address her Eurasian identity.

Taiwan2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 112M

Director: Yu-Chieh Cheng
Cast: Sandrine Pinna, Ruei-Jia Chang, Chien-Wei Huang, Sy-Huoy Her
16-Oct 6:00 PM Dole
19-Oct 7:30 PM Dole
MY HIFF: PRINCESS KAIULANI / DANCE SUBARU

THE YOUNG VICTORIA

Gala Presentation
Hawaii Premiere

Emily Blunt stars as the queen who went on to symbolize the entire British Empire. The film follows Victoria's early struggle to succeed her uncle as the ruler of England, a quest blocked by her mother, the Duchess of Kent (Miranda Richardson). It is also a true romance; from their very first meeting, we sense a mutual bond between Victoria and Albert. THE YOUNG VICTORIA is a memorable, sophisticated and very charming exploration of English history.

United Kingdom2009 | English, German w/ English subtitles | 100M

Director: Jean-Marc Vallée
Cast: Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend, Paul Bettany, Miranda Richardson
20-Oct 6:15 PM Dole
MY HIFF: PRECIOUS / WARRIOR AND THE WOLF

ZIGENURWEISEN

FREE PUBLIC SCREENING

A Tribute to Madame Kawakita

This tale features the relationship between a Japanese professor of German descent and Nakasago (Yoshio Harada), a former friend he runs into while on vacation. Nakasago has been charged with murdering a married woman who ran away with him. As the two former friends become more and more involved, the professor begins to get a glimpse of Nakasago's odd life, and undertones of witchcraft provide an eerie overlay to the fate of the missing woman.

Japan1980 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 144M

Director: Seijun Suzuki

Cast: Yoshio Harada, Naoko Otani, Toshiya Fujita

18-Oct 6:00 PM Dole

MY HIFF: PLACE OF ONE'S OWN / ACROSS THE RIVER

SHORTS PROGRAM #1

16-Oct 5:45 PM Dole

THE ARCHIVE – Director: Sean Dunne, USA, 2009, 8m

BLUE TARP CITY – Director: Henry Mochida, USA, 2009, 16m

THE DWELLING – Director: Sheldon Candis, USA, 2009, 16m

HALF KENNETH – Director: Ken Ochiai, USA, 2009, 22m

MOTOO – Director: Adele Pham, Bao Nguyen, USA, 2009, 6m

PARALLEL ADELE – Director: Adele Pham, USA, 2008, 16m

POCKETS – Director: James Lees, United Kingdom, 2008, 3m

SUSPENDED – Director: Kimi Takasue, USA 2009, 9m

SHORTS PROGRAM #2

16-Oct 4:00 PM Dole

CODSWALLOP – Director: Greg McLeod, Myles McLeod, United Kingdom, 2008, 4m

[HE.SHE.IT](#) – Director: John Alsop, Australia, 2008, 16m

INTOXICANT – Director: John Hsu, Taiwan, 2008, 26m

LIKE CRAZY – Director: Sanif Olek, Singapore, 2008, 11m

LOVE YOU MORE – Director: Sam Taylor Wood, United Kingdom, 2008, 15m

TOP GIRL – Director: Rebecca Johnson, United Kingdom, 2008, 18m

WESTERN SPAGHETTI – Director: PES, USA, 2009, 2m

SHORTS PROGRAM #3

17-Oct 5:30 PM Dole

DANSE MACABRE – Director: Pedro Pires, Canada, 2009, 9m

EGGBABY – Director: Nadine Truong, USA, 2009, 20m

HOW I MET YOUR FATHER – Director: Alex Montoya, Spain, 2009, 9m

I DON'T SLEEP, I DREAM – Director: J.P. Chan, USA, 2009, 15m

A MATE – Director: Teemu Nikki, Finland, 2009, 8m

MIRACLE FISH – Director: Luke Doolan, Australia, 2009, 18m

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A) – Director: Jude Jung, South Korea, 2009, 9m

STONES – Director: Ty Sanga, USA, 2009, 20m

SHORTS PROGRAM #4

18-Oct 6:45 PM Dole

3 WHEELS – Director: Tony Wei, China, 2009, 16m
APHRODITE'S FARM – Director: Adam Strange, New Zealand, 2008, 15m
CAREFUL WITH THAT POWER TOOL – Director: Jason Stutter, New Zealand, 2008, 2m
THE FADING LIGHT – Director: Thien Do, Vietnam, 2009, 22m
KEHUA – Director: Wiremu Grace, New Zealand, 2009, 13m
LAYOVER, ON THE SHORE – Director: Christopher Makoto Yogi, USA, 2009, 25m
SUMMER BREAKS – Director: Sean Kruck, USA, 2008, 12m

SHORTS PROGRAM #5

17-Oct 9:15 PM Dole

AJUMMA! ARE YOU KRAZY? – Director: Brent Anbe, USA, 2009, 26m
THE BRANCH WILL NOT BREAK – Director: Fabio Cordoso, USA, 2009, 25m
HIROMI IN LOVE (THAT OLD FEELING) – Director: Gerard Elmore, USA, 2009, 5m
PATU IHU – Director: Summer Agnew, New Zealand, 2008, 15m
RIP SMART – Director: Steve Bristow, Malaysia, 2009, 22m
TEN FOR GRANDPA – Director: Doug Karr, Canada, 2009, 7m

SHORTS PROGRAM #6

18-Oct 8:30 PM Dole

A SONG FOR OURSELVES – Director: Tadashi Nakamura, USA, 2009, 35m
The Lychee Thieves – Director: Kathleen Mann, USA, 2009, 35m

ACM NIGHT

23-Oct 7:45 PM Dole

DOG AND CAT – Director: Robert K. Omura, USA, 2009, 11m
FLOWERS, CHOCOLATES, AND CANDLELIT DINNERS – Director: Priscilla Stafford, USA, 2009, 12m
JIXIANG JUNCTION – Director: Kevyn Fong, Gloria Pan Huijia, China, 2009, 10m
LI HING MUI, LILIKOI, & LYCHEE – Director: Lauren Cheape, USA, 2009, 11m
LIVE TONIGHT – Director: Aina Paikai, USA, 2009, 9m
LULU – Director: Brittany Itsuno, USA, 2009, 4m
WATCH YOUR TONGUE – Director: Nasser Marghalani, USA, 2009, 16m

SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY SHORTS

FREE SCREENING

23-Oct 1:30 PM Dole

AFFAIRS – Director: Kaiyuan Xu, 2009, 7m
LIFE FOR RENT – Director: Ying Shen, 2009, 30m
RISE FROM THE ASHES – Director: Shijun Zhu, 2009, 35m
THE PEARL MILK TEA – Director: Xiaoxiao Liu, 2008, 27m

STUDENT SHOWCASE

FREE SCREENING

24-Oct 10:00 AM Dole

CANOE PULLING, A LUMMI WAY OF LIFE – Directed by Sara London, Britney Oldham
PATSY MINK: A LEGACY OF BREAKING THROUGH SOCIAL BARRIERS – Directed by Thuy Ny Le
SIX QUICK FIXES – Directed by Cory Garguilo
IT'S WORTH IT TO WAIT – Directed by Catherine De Huff
WHAT IS LIFE – Directed by Bernard Fayloga
PATIENCE – Directed by Kevin Lopez

SHRIMP – Directed by Robert Delim
A RIDE TO REMEMBER – Directed by Adam Kostylo
FROM HUSKING TO HUSTLING – A FYI Films Student Production
SECOND CHANCES – A FYI Films Student Production

CHINATOWN PROJECT: HONOLULU

FREE SCREENING

THE CHINATOWN FILM PROJECT (CFP) tackles Chinatown's elusiveness and its stereotyped representations by constructing new images for the viewer. The project started in New York City, where some of the NYC's most exciting filmmakers were asked to present their unique vision of this global icon.

23-Oct 7:00 PM Chinatown

MUSIC VIDEO SHOWCASE

23-Oct 6:15 PM Dole

Bjork: WANDERLUST (UK, 2008, 8 min)

BoA: EAT YOU UP (South Korea, 2008, 3 min)

Buraka Som Sistema feat. DJ Znobia, M.I.A., Saborosa & Puto Prata: SOUND OF KUDURO (Portugal, 2008, 4 min)

Chairlift: EVIDENT UTENSIL (USA, 2008, 3 min)

Coldplay: STRAWBERRY SWING (USA/UK, 2009, 4 min)

Death Cab for Cutie: GRAPEVINE FIRES (USA, 2009, 3 min)

Dizzie Rascal: BONKERS (UK, 2009, 3 min)

La Roux: BULLETPROOF (UK, 2009, 4 min)

MGMT: KIDS (UK, 2009, 6 min)

Neurosonics Audiomedical Labs Inc. (UK, 2009, 5 min)

Old '97s: DANCE WITH ME (USA, 2008, 4 min)

Oren Lavie: HER MORNING ELEGANCE (USA, 2009, 3 min)

Sia: SOON WE'LL BE FOUND (USA, 2008, 4 min)

Sour: HIBI NO NEIRO (Japan, 2009, 4 min)

V.V. Brown: LEAVE! (UK, 2009, 4 min)

We Are Scientists: IMPATIENCE (UK, 2008, 3 min)

Zoé: REPTILECTRIC (Mexico, 2009, 4 min)

SEMINARS:

LOST MASTER CLASS 1

PRODUCING AND DIRECTING A HIT SHOW

Once the scripts are done in Burbank, CA, it is up to the production team based on Oahu to realize this vision. An inside look with director and executive producer Jack Bender and co-executive producer Jean Higgins.

17-Oct 12:00 PM Dole

LOST MASTER CLASS 2

BRINGING THE DESIGN OF EACH EPISODE TOGETHER

Either a flashback set in arid Iraq or snowy Minneapolis or a flash forward in Seoul or Berlin, the crew produces world locales right here in Oahu – A talk with the cinematographer, set and construction crew members.

17-Oct 2:00 PM Dole

LOST MASTER CLASS 3

COSTUME AND PROPS

A talk with the costume department and prop master from the show. From tattered and dirty clothing on the island, to costumes for flash backs, flash forwards, costuming and props provide verisimilitude to the LOST universe.

17-Oct 4:00 PM Dole

LOST CELEBRATION

AN EVENING WITH DAMON LINDELOF & CARLTON CUSE

This all-day event truly benefits Hawaii, since the show is filmed entirely on the island of Oahu. In the evening, fans will have the opportunity to pick the brains of the show's creative masterminds, discuss the last 5 1/2 years of the show with special guest appearances from cast and crew members and perhaps find out a bit about the upcoming final season. Damon Lindelof and Carlton Cuse will receive the Hawaii International Film Festival's "Vision in Film Award," presented by Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann.

17-Oct 8:00 PM Royal Hawaiian Theater

NETPAC KAWAKITA SEMINAR

FREE SEMINAR

In honor of HIFF and NETPAC USA's A TRIBUTE TO MADAME KAWAKITA, a special seminar will be held with famed Japanese film critic Donald Richie. He will discuss the international impact of the film selections in said tribute and how they reflected Japanese culture. Victor Kobayashi PhD, UH Manoa, will moderate this very informative discussion from one of the most respected film critics in the world.

17-Oct 3:30 PM Dole

JP CHAN SEMINAR

FREE SEMINAR

24-Oct 1:30 PM Dole

STATE OF THE HAWAII INDUSTRY

FREE SEMINAR

Join us for a very candid talk with industry leaders in the local film, TV and commercial fields as they discuss the accomplishments and many challenges they face everyday. The discussion will visit many topics ranging from developing scripts with local/global appeal, nurturing emerging artists, financing in a post Act 221 world, and predictions on the state of the industry in the months and years to come.

24-Oct 12:30 PM Dole

PUA FOUNDATION SEMINAR

FREE SEMINAR

The Pu`a Foundation will present THE ROYAL GIFT, the first video in a four-part educational series, as well as a panel discussion with Board President Mark Kawika Patterson, Executive Director Toni Bissen, and commissioned staff Dr. David Keanu Sai and Kauai Sai Dudoit. THE ROYAL GIFT examines Hawaiian society in the years before Kamehameha I up through Kamehameha III. The video will help the panel members convey a deeper and clearer understanding of the historical, cultural, spiritual, economic and political environment surrounding the overthrow and reconciliation.

24-Oct 11:00 AM Dole

**VIDEO-ON-DEMAND
VIEWER'S CHOICE AWARD**

Oct. 5 - 15

Oceanic Time Warner Digital Cable subscribers will have the chance to support Hawaii filmmaking by voting for their favorite Hawaii-made short film at this year's HIFF. **Powered by Oceanic Time Warner Cable and presented by Central Pacific Bank. Watch on NGN channel 680, and vote on NGN channel 681.**

Festival information

Established in 1981, the Hawaii International Film Festival is dedicated to the advancement of understanding and cultural exchange among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific and North America through the medium of film. HIFF is the premier international film event in the Pacific and has won the praise of governments, filmmakers, scholars, educators, programmers and film industry leaders throughout the world. For the discovery and exhibition of Asian and Pacific features, documentaries and short films in the nation, it is a primary source. The festival has premiered such movies as ONCE WERE WARRIORS, THE PIANO, SHINE, SHALL WE DANCE, Y TU MAMA TAMBIEN and CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON. Plus, DEPARTURES, a Japanese film, had its U.S. premiere at HIFF in 2008, won the HIFF Audience Award and then went on to win the 2009 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

HIFF's major sponsors include: Regal Entertainment Group, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii, Halekulani, Hawaii Tourism Authority and The VILCEK Foundation.

The 2009 Hawaii International Film Festival will be held October 15-25 at the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Cinemas. Images of the films can be downloaded at <http://picasaweb.google.com/hiff2009images/2009FallFilmImages?authkey=Gv1sRgCOjSudrp5ob2iwE&feat=directlink>.

For more information please visit our website at www.hiff.org.

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