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**HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL INVITES FESTIVALGOERS TO CELEBRATE WITH THE STARS AT CLOSING NIGHT RECEPTION**

HONOLULU, HI (October 21, 2009) – Celebrate the Hawaii International Film Festival at HIFF's Closing Night Reception! This event, presented by Hawaii Pacific Entertainment, will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Oceans 808, Honolulu's hottest nightclub bringing international flair to the city's nightlife.

As the festival winds to a close, mark your calendar to mix and meet some of the international stars that make the festival experience so memorable. HIFF has invited international superstar Maggi Q to attend and celebrate receiving the "Maverick Award" for her performance in *THE WARRIOR AND THE WOLF*.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door for \$10 a piece. Enjoy mingling with filmmakers, actors, and HIFF members Saturday, October 24th from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Oceans 808, located at Waterfront Plaza (formerly Restaurant Row), 500 Ala Moana Boulevard. Parking is free with validation. HIFF delegates please RSVP to [www.hawaiipacificentertainment.com/hiff](http://www.hawaiipacificentertainment.com/hiff).

**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. 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](http://www.hiff.org).

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