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HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ADDS ENCORE PRESENTATION SCREENINGS OF WINNING FILMS AND FAN FAVORITES

Plus Four Films Added to HIFF Movie Lineup

HONOLULU, HI (October 21, 2009) – New screenings of the Hawaii International Film Festival's (HIFF) winning films and fan favorites have been added to the movie line-up over the next four days.

Encore Presentation Screenings are as follows:

Thursday, October 22:
RED CLIFF - 3:30pm, Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters

Friday, October 23:
THE PEOPLE I'VE SLEPT WITH - 6:30pm, Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters

Sunday, October 25: (All screenings at Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters)
REDCLIFF – 10:30am
CASTAWAY ON THE MOON (NETPAC Award, Best Asian Feature) - 1:30pm
CHILDREN OF INVENTION (PUMA Emerging Filmmaker Award) - 4:30pm
PETITION (Halekulani Golden Orchid Award for Best Documentary) - 4:45pm
EMPIRE OF SILVER (Halekulani Golden Orchid Award for Best Feature) - 6:00pm
SNOW PRINCE - 8:15pm

HIFF has also added four exciting new films to the final movie lineup that are all Hawaii premieres. The comedy YOUTH IN REVOLT stars Michael Cera, Zach Galifianakis, Jean Smart and Steve Buscemi under the direction of the man responsible for some of the funniest episodes of Ugly Betty, The Office, Six Feet Under and Freaks and Geeks. YOUTH IN REVOLT is screening Thursday, October 22 at 9:00 p.m. at Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters. HIFF has also added the satanic horror thriller THE HOUSE OF THE DEVIL from writer-director Ti West. THE HOUSE OF THE DEVIL is screening Friday, October 23 at 10:00 p.m. at Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters.

Two documentaries have also been added. THE THIRD WAVE: A VOLUNTEER STORY is a documentary about four volunteers who travel to Sri Lanka after the 2004 tsunami, and their planned two-week journey becomes a year-long sojourn of heartbreak and rebirth. THE THIRD WAVE: A VOLUNTEER STORY is screening Friday, October 23 at 8:30 p.m. at Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters. And from noted documentarian Mark S. Wexler, HOW TO LIVE FOREVER, chronicles the filmmaker's worldwide trek to investigate just what it means to grow old – and what it could mean to really live forever. HOW TO LIVE FOREVER is screening on Sunday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Regal Dole cannery Stadium 18 Theaters.

Over 170 films from 36 different countries will be featured at this year's festival. HIFF's 2009 program is being held at the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters from October 15–25. Tickets are on sale now. General admission tickets are available for \$10 or \$9 for students, seniors, children and military. Tickets may be purchased in person at HIFF's box office at 650 Iwilei Road #101

across from Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters or by phone at (808) 548-5905. The film guide is available online at www.hiff.org. For more information please visit us at www.hiff.org.

FILM SYNOPSES: (All screening times subject to change)

YOUTH IN REVOLT

Hawaii Premiere

A hysterically twisted coming-of-age tale chronicling the awkward tribulations of a Camus-spouting, Godard-loving teenaged boy who is cursed with trailer-trash parents and a terminal case of virginity, *Youth in Revolt* is a wickedly ironic treat. The fact that it stars comedic royalty Michael Cera, Zach Galifianakis, Jean Smart and Steve Buscemi under the direction of the man responsible for some of the funniest episodes of *Ugly Betty*, *The Office*, *Six Feet Under* and *Freaks and Geeks* makes it pure gold.

Based on C. D. Payne's cult-hit novel of the same name, *Youth in Revolt* is as smart as it is funny, combining classic black comedy with fresh new interpretations by its terrific young cast. No one plays the comedy of embarrassment better than Michael Cera, and in pitting a familiar Cera character against his dangerous French doppelganger, director Miguel Arteta has found a perfect new take on the genre.

USA / 2009 / 90M

Director: Miguel Arteta

Cast: Jean Smart, Michael Cera, Steve Buscemi, Zach Galifianakis

Fri Oct-23 9:00 p.m. Dole

THE HOUSE OF THE DEVIL

After Dark

Hawaii Premiere

From writer-director Ti West comes *THE HOUSE OF THE DEVIL*, a satanic thriller set in the 1980s starring Jocelin Donahue (*JT Petty's* forthcoming *THE BURROWERS*), indie ingénue Greta Gerwig (*HANNAH TAKES THE STAIRS*, *BAGHEAD*), Tom Noonan (*SNOW ANGELS*, *MANHUNTER*), Mary Woronov (*EATING RAOUL*, *THE DEVIL'S REJECTS*), AJ Bowen (*THE SIGNAL*) and Dee Wallace (*E.T.*, Rob Zombie's *HALLOWEEN*).

Sam (Donahue) is a pretty college sophomore, so desperate to earn some cash for a deposit on an apartment that she accepts a babysitting job even after she finds out there is no baby. Mr. and Mrs. Ulman (cult actors Noonan and Woronov) are the older couple who lure Sam out to their creaky Victorian mansion deep in the woods, just in time for a total lunar eclipse. Megan (Gerwig) is Sam's best friend, who gives her a ride out to the house, and reluctantly leaves her there despite suspecting that something is amiss. Victor (Bowen) at first seems like just a creepy guy lurking around the house, but quickly makes it clear that Sam will end this night in a bloody fight for her life.

USA / 2009 / 95M

Director: Ti West

Fri Oct-23 10:00 p.m. Dole

THE THIRD WAVE: A VOLUNTEER STORY

Reel Life

Hawaii Premiere

After the 2004 tsunami disaster, four independent volunteers with little money and no experience race off to volunteer in tsunami ravaged Sri Lanka. They meet up at the Colombo airport by fate, rent a van, fill it with supplies and start driving down the coast to see where they can help. They stumble into Peraliya, a tribal village which has been totally destroyed by a 40 foot wave overturning a train and killing over 2500 people. No-one is there helping so they set up a first aid station and find themselves in charge of a refugee camp with over 3000 people. A two week journey turns into a year long odyssey of heartbreak and hope as the villagers slowly begin to turn against them when the worlds donated tsunami money doesn't materialize. The volunteers push on through the death threats and break every rule in the 'Disaster Aid Books'. Everyone is needed: no skills required.

USA/ 2009 / 94M

Director: Alison Thompson
Narrator: Sean Penn
Fri Oct -23 8:30 p.m. Dole

HOW TO LIVE FOREVER

Reel Life
Hawaii Premiere

Filmmaker Mark Wexler is not going down without a fight. Faced with the devastating loss of his mother and his own advancing age, Mark takes off on a curious, lively, sometimes troubling enquiry into how he might live forever.

His search takes him to the places where people live longest, from Okinawa to Iceland. He journeys to Las Vegas to attend a funeral directors convention and the Ms. Senior America pageant. He contemplates a future in cold storage at a cryonics facility in Arizona. He receives exercise tips from Jack LaLanne, hormone replacement advice from Suzanne Somers, and promises of eternal life from biogerontologist Aubrey de Grey. Yet the more he travels into the strange worlds of laughter yoga, elder porn, calorie restriction, and old-fashioned religion, the less sure he becomes of his goal. Can it be that life's true meaning is found in the humble chili dog? A fun, provocative, and searching look at the deepest mystery of life.

USA / 2009 / 92M

Director: Mark Wexler
Sun Oct-25 6:00 p.m. Dole

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.

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