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**FINAL MOVIE LINEUP AND SCHEDULE UNVEILED FOR
HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL SPRING SHOWCASE
*Film Festival Starts Friday, April 16***

HONOLULU, HI (March 17, 2010) – The Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF) is pleased to announce the movie lineup and schedule for the 13th Annual HIFF Spring Showcase being held from April 16th-22nd at the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters. Among the 31 films presented this year are two North American premieres, one international premiere, five U.S. premieres and 23 Hawaii Premieres of films that hail from across the globe including Iran, Israel, Germany, Japan, United States, Australia, France, South Korea, China, Canada, Italy and India.

Reserve your tickets now to travel around the world through films and documentaries. The program guide can be viewed online at <http://hiff.org/program>.

HIFF's Spring Showcase is being held from April 16 – 22 at the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters. Tickets go on sale for HIFF Ohana members on Monday, April 5th and to the general public on Wednesday, April 7th.

General tickets for the public are available for \$12, \$10 for seniors, students and military. HIFF Ohana members can purchase tickets for \$8. The tickets can be purchased at the HIFF box office located at 650 Iwilei Rd, Suite 100, across from the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Cinemas, online at www.hiff.org or by phone at (808) 792-1577.

For press-related inquiries, please contact Chimaine Pouteau at chimaine@hawaiipacificentertainment.com. Images of the films can be downloaded from this link:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/hiff2009images/2010SpringShowcase?authkey=Gv1sRgCPvi9MqnsMy9jQE#>

FILM SYNOPSIS

ABOUT ELLY

DARBAREYE ELLY

Hawaii Premiere

A group of old college pals decide to reunite for a weekend outing by the Caspian Sea. The fun starts right away as they quickly catch on to the plan of lively Sepideh, who has brought along Elly, her daughter's kindergarten teacher, in hopes of setting her up with recently divorced Ahmad. But seemingly trivial lies, which start accumulating from the moment the group arrives at the seashore, suddenly swing round and come back full force when Elly disappears in a troubling incident. -- Kellen Quinn

Director: Asghar Farhadi

Cast: Golshifteh Farahani, Taraneh Alidousti, Mani Haghighi, Merila Zarei, Peyman Moadi, Shahab Hosseini

Iran 2009 | Persian, German w/ English subtitles | 119 min.

Tuesday, April 20 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 22 1:00 PM

AJAMI

Hawaii Premiere

A powerful crime drama set on the streets of Jaffa's Ajami neighborhood (a melting pot of cultures and conflicting views among Jews, Muslims and Christians), and told through the eyes of a cross-section of the city's inhabitants. As their stories intersect, and the film's narrative shifts back and forth in time, we witness a dramatic collision of different worlds and the tragic consequences of enemies living as neighbors.

Director:Scandar Copti, Yaron Shani

Cast:Shahir Kabaha, Ibrahim Frege, Scandar Copti, Eran Naim, Fouad Habash, Youssef Sahwani, Ranin Karim, Elias Sabah, Hilal Kabob

Israel, Germany 2009 | Arabic, Hebrew w/ English subtitles | 120 min.

Saturday, April 17 3:00 PM

Monday, April 19 3:15 PM

BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS

North America Premiere

BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS features ordinary days on three different islands: Tuvalu in the South Pacific, Venice, Italy, and Shishmaref, Alaska. We observe the laid back life style of the Tuvaluans, life on the water in artistic Venice, and a hunter's life on the icy ocean around Shishmaref. Through observation, we gain a greater understanding of the predicament that Earth is in.

Director:Kana Tomoko

Japan 2010 | Tuvaluan, Italian w/ English subtitles | 110 min.

Sunday, April 18 1:30 PM

BLOOD INTO WINE

Hawaii Premiere

BLOOD INTO WINE takes a look inside the life of one of rock music's most mysterious figures. With winemaking mentor Eric Glomski, multiplatinum recording artist Maynard James Keenan (Tool, A Perfect Circle, Puscifer) began the long road to bringing credibility and notoriety to the Northern Arizona winemaking region amidst wine industry prejudice and the harsh Arizona terrain.

Director:Ryan Page, Christopher Pomeranke

Cast:Maynard James Keenan, Eric Glomski, Milla Jovovich, Tim Heidecker, Eric Wareheim, Patton Oswalt, Tim Alexander, James Suckling

United States 2010 | English | 100 min.

Thursday, April 22 6:00 PM

BRAN NUE DAE

Hawaii Premiere

After being punished by Father Benedictus for an act of youthful rebellion, Willie runs away from boarding school, and meets an old fella, who he calls "Uncle" Tadpole. Together they con a couple of hippies, Annie and Slippery, into taking them on the 2,500 km journey through spectacular landscape of Australia and back to Broome. Willie learns the hard and funny lessons he needs to get home, all the while pursued by Father Benedictus.

Director:Rachel Perkins

Cast:Rocky McKenzie, Jessica Mauboy, Ernie Dingo, Missy Higgins, Geoffrey Rush, Deborah Mailman, Tom Budge

Australia 2010 | English | 88 min.

Saturday, April 17 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 20 2:30 PM

A BRAND NEW LIFE

YEO-HAENG-JA

Hawaii Premiere

After a memorable day with her father, nine-year-old Jinhee, finds her world shattered when he abandons her at an orphanage. Anger and loneliness consume Jinhee, but slowly she begins to bond with the other girls in the orphanage and begins to hope for a brand new life. Inspired by director, Ounie Lecomte time spent in a Seoul orphanage, before being adopted by a French family. A BRAND NEW LIFE is told with a sincerity that is as genuine as it is moving.

Director:Ounie Lecomte

Cast:Kim Sae-ron, Park Do-yeon, Ko A-sung

France, South Korea 2009 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 92 min.

Saturday, April 17 4:30 PM

Thursday, April 22 4:00 PM

CAFE SEOUL

KAFE SOURU

U.S. Premiere

Saito Takumi plays a Japanese journalist who travels to different countries to write about traditional desserts. In Korea, he comes across a traditional cafe run by three brothers of very different personalities - Kim Jung Hoon, Choi Sung-min (BAD LOVE), and Kim Dong-wook (ANTIQUE). CAFE SEOUL complements its cast with a heartwarming story about pulling together and holding on to the warmth of the past amid the fast-changing trends of modern-day Seoul.

Director: Masaharu Take

Cast:Saito Takumi, Kim Jung Hoon, Choi Sung-min, Kim Dong-wook

South Korea, Japan 2009 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 94 min.

Saturday, April 17 6:45 PM

Monday, April 19 1:30 PM

THE CHEF OF SOUTH POLAR

NANKYOKU RYORININ

North America Premiere

Based on Nishimura Jun's autobiographies, Antarctic Chef relays the hearty meals and adventures of a research team stationed near the South Pole. Despite living in the freezing cold in the middle of nowhere, he manages to concoct luxurious meals (think foie gras, lobster, and Matsuzaka beef) for the team of eight researchers for whom mealtime soon becomes the greatest joy. THE CHEF OF THE SOUTH POLAR warms you up from the center of your heart. Good food and human drama, full of laughter and love!

Director:Shuichi Okita

Cast:Masato Sakai, Kitano

Japan 2010 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 125 min.

Wednesday, April 21 8:45 PM

Thursday, April 22 3:30 PM

FAIR LOVE

PEYEO LEOBEU

U.S. Premiere

An unlikely relationship emerges between two eccentric characters in the romantic comedy FAIR LOVE. Hyeong-man is a taciturn fifty something camera repairman. When a friend who owes him money dies, Hyeong-man decides to look in on the deceased friend's daughter, despite the tumultuous friendship. The young Nam-eun finds herself taking a liking to the older man. As they get to know each other, with no thought of anything but a dutiful friendship, the relationship slowly ripens. Filled with humor, this charming film proves that age plays a small role when love takes a hold of you.

Director:Shin Yeon-shick

Cast:Ahn Sung-ki, Lee Ha-na

South Korea 2009 | Korean w/ English subtitles | 118 min.

Tuesday, April 20 3:15 PM

Monday, April 19 6:00 PM

FATHER AND GUNS

DE PERE EN FLIC

Hawaii Premiere

Jacques and Mark are cops who just don't get along. Unfortunately they are also father and son. When they are assigned as an undercover team to infiltrate an outdoor adventure group-therapy camp for fathers and sons, hilarity ensues in the Canadian hit FATHER AND GUNS.

Director:Emile Gaudreault

Cast:Michel Cote, Louis-Jose Houde, Remy Girard, Caroline Dhavernas, Robin Aubert, Patrick Drolet

Canada 2009 | French w/ English subtitles | 106 min.

Tuesday, April 20 8:30 PM

Thursday, April 22 1:00 PM

FIBERGLASS AND MEGAPIXELS

Hawaii Premiere

The surfing industry relies on inspiring pictures from Hawaii to sell the surfing lifestyle to the masses. It's all about the surfing image, and these images must first get in the camera. FIBERGLASS AND MEGAPIXELS goes deep as professional surfers, photographers and cinematographers share their perspective on what it takes and what it means to get the shot and be able to live a life completely based around surfing.

Director:Derek Hoffmann, Craig Hoffmann

Cast:Mick Fanning, Fred Patacchia, Mark Healey, Reef McIntosh, Ian Walsh, Larry Haynes, Scott Aichner, Brian Biemann, Sonny Miller, Daren Crawford, Daniel Russo, Jim Russi, Mike Prickett, Jeff Walthall, Ted Grambeau

United States 2010 | English | 48 min.

Sunday, April 18 4:15 PM

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO

MAN SOM HATAR KVINNOR

Hawaii Premiere

The patriarch of the powerful Vanger clan has hired disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and troubled but resourceful computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate the disappearance of his beloved niece Harriet. When the pair link Harriet's disappearance to a number of grotesque murders from almost forty years ago, they begin to unravel a dark and appalling family history. But the Vanger's are a secretive clan, and Blomkvist and Salander are about to find out just how far they are prepared to go to protect themselves.

Director:Niels Arden Oplev

Cast:Michael Nyqvist, Noomi Rapace, Lena Endre, Sven-Bertil Taube, Peter Haber, Peter Andersson, Marika Lagercrantz, Ingvar Hirdwall, Bjorn Granath

Sweden 2009 | Swedish w/ English subtitles | 152 min.

Saturday, April 17 9:00 PM

A GOOD RAIN KNOWS

HO WOO SHI JUL

Hawaii Premiere

On a business trip to China, Park Dong-ha, runs into May, a friend he met while he was studying in America. Reminiscing about their college days, rekindles the feelings the two once had for each other. Dong-ha and May become closer as they share different memories, and right before his flight is about to depart, Dong-ha decides to stay for another day. Their precious last day together is filled with the enchanting, heart-pounding feelings of first love. Just like a good rain, will this love also soon pass, or is it real?

Director:Hur Jin-ho

Cast:Jung Woo-sung, Gao Yuanyuan

South Korea, China 2009 | English, Korean, Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 102 min.

Sunday, April 18 5:30 PM

Tuesday, April 20 6:00 PM

I AM LOVE

IO SONO L'AMORE

Hawaii Premiere

The Recchis are a wealthy Milan clan whose lives revolve around elaborate parties and the family textile business. Emma is the Russian wife of Tancredi Recchi, and although devoted to her family, has no passion or job of her own. When Emma meets Antonio, a gifted but humble chef who wants to open a restaurant with her son Edoardo, she is immediately intrigued. As their relationship deepens, their love will bring the caged, frigid Emma to life -- and lead to the film's dramatic climax.

Director:Luca Guadagnino

Cast:Tilda Swinton, Edoardo Gabbriellini, Pippo Delbono, Alba Rohrwacher, Marisa Berenson

Italy 2009 | Italian, w/ English subtitles | 120 min.

Saturday, April 17 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 21 2:00 PM

LAST TRAIN HOME

Hawaii Premiere

Sixteen years ago, the Zhangs abandoned their young children to find work in the city, consoled by the hope that their wages would lift their children into a better life. But in a bitter irony, the Zhangs' hopes for the future are undone by their very absence. In an act of teenage rebellion, their eldest daughter, Qin, drops out of school. The decision is a heartbreaking blow for the parents. In classic cinema verit  style, LAST TRAIN HOME follows the Zhangs' attempts to change their daughter's course and repair their ruptured family.

Director:Lixin Fan

Canada, China 2009 | Mandarin, w/ English subtitles | 85 min.

Monday, April 19 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 21 2:00 PM

MAO'S LAST DANCER

Hawaii Premiere

MAO'S LAST DANCER tells the inspirational true story of a small boy's extraordinary journey from poverty to international stardom. From a grueling apprenticeship as a classical dancer in communist China, to the glory of creative freedom in America. But, there is a painful price to be paid for his quest for self expression. MAO'S LAST DANCER captures the intoxicating effects of first love and celebrity, the pain of exile, and ultimately the triumph of individual endeavor over ideology.

Director:Bruce Beresford

Cast:Chi Cao, Bruce Greenwood, Kyle MacLachlan, Joan Chen, Amanda Schull

Australia 2009 | English, Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 117 min.

Friday, April 16 6:30 PM

THE MESSAGE

FENG SHENG

Hawaii Premiere

Good acting and a well-plotted mystery make for an entertaining ride in Chinese hit THE MESSAGE, an Agatha Christie-style, WWII-era drama. Set in a luxuriously furnished stone castle, this film about sinister government agents trying to unmask a spy for the resistance grabs viewers' attention from the start and never lets go. The intense psychological warfare between the resistance agents and Japanese intelligence officers climbs to its climax as friendship is tested against the moral duty to sacrifice oneself for the country.

Director:Chen Kuofu, Gao Qunshu

Cast:Zhou Xun, Huang Xiaoming, Li Bingbing, Zhang Hanyu, Alec Sui

China 2009 | Mandarin w/ English subtitles | 122 min.

Friday, April 16 9:30 PM

Sunday, April 18 8:45 PM

MICMACS

MICMACS A TIRE-LARIGOT

Hawaii Premiere

Director Jean-Pierre Jeunet (AMELIE) is back with the international hit MICMACS! Basil's life has gone from bad to worse. While having survived a drive-by shooting, he still has the bullet from the accident lodged in his head, and the hospital bills incurred has left him homeless. But his luck turns around when he falls in with a merry band of junkyard tinkerers, each with his or her own eccentric specialty and they immediately adopt Basil into their oddball family. When an opportunity occurs to seek revenge against the weapons manufacturers that caused him so much despair, Basil and his newfound friends ingeniously create ways to wreck havoc on the arms dealers.

Director:Jean-Pierre Jeunet

Cast:Dany Boon, Andre Dussollier, Nicolas Marie, Jean-Pierre Marielle, Julie Ferrier, Dominique Pinon, Yolande Moreau, Omar Sy, Michel Cremades, Marie-Julie Baup

France 2009 | French w/ English subtitles | 105 min.

Thursday, April 22 6:15 PM

MID-AUGUST LUNCH

Hawaii Premiere

Broke, and armed with only a glass of wine and a wry sense of humor, middle-aged Gianni resides with his 93-year-old mother in their ancient apartment. The condo debts are mounting, but if Gianni looks after the building manager's mother during the Pranzo di Ferragosto (Italy's biggest summer holiday, and the Feast of the Assumption), all will be forgiven. Then the manager also shows up with an auntie, and a doctor friend appears with his mother in tow. Can Gianni keep four such lively mamas well fed and happy in these cramped quarters?

Director:Gianni Di Gregorio

Cast:Gianni Di Gregorio, Valeria De Franciscis, Marina Cacciotti, Maria Cali, Grazia Cesarini Sforza

Italy 2009 | Italian w/ English subtitles | 75 min.

Tuesday, April 20 5:00 PM

Wednesday, April 21 4:15 PM

THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN AMERICA: DANIEL ELLSBERG AND THE PENTAGON PAPERS

Hawaii Premiere

THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN AMERICA catapults us to 1971 where we find America in the grip of a familiar scenario: a dirty war based on lies. And Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, one of the nation's leading war planners, has the documents to prove it. Armed with 7000 pages of Top Secret documents; he leaks the truth about the Vietnam War to The New York Times and risks life in prison to end the war he helped plan.

Director:Judith Ehrlich, Rick Goldsmith

Cast:Patricia Marx Ellsberg, Tom Oliphant, Paul 'Pete' McCloskey, Hedrick Smith, Max Frankel, Mike Gravel, John Dean, Egil

United States 2009 | English | 94 min.

Saturday, April 17 2:15 PM

Monday, April 19 3:45 PM

ONE PIECE FILM: STRONG WORLD

International Premiere

Based on the wildly popular manga series of the same name, HIFF is proud to present the International Premiere of ONE PIECE FILM: STRONG WORLD. While sailing the seas in search of the elusive treasure called 'One Piece,' Luffy's navigator, Nami, is kidnapped by Shiki the Golden Lion. Nami is spirited away to a flying island called Strong World, Luffy and his crew are determined to rescue her despite the dangers they may face. The visual spectacle of this film is one that should not be missed.

Director:Hisayuki Sakai

Cast:Mayumi Tanaka, Hiroaki Hirata, Yuichi Nagashima, Kazuya Nakai, Akemi Okamura

Japan 2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 113 min.

Sunday, April 18 8:45 PM

Tuesday, April 20 9:30 PM

OPERATION BABYLIFT: THE LOST CHILDREN OF VIETNAM

Hawaii Premiere

"Operation Babylift" was a \$2 million dollar US initiative that airlifted over 2,500 Vietnamese orphans out of a war-torn country to protect them from the impending threat of the Communist Regime. Even with the best intentions, these adoptees grew up facing a unique set of challenges in America. Nearly 35 years later, this documentary takes a candid look at an event as seen through the eyes of the adoptees, parents, volunteers and organizations directly involved, and uncovers the "lost" stories of the adoptees and who they have become as adults.

Director:Tammy Nguyen Lee

Cast:

United States 2009 | English | 72 min.

Sunday, April 18 11:30 AM

ROBOGEISHA
Hawaii Premiere

From the creative team of MACHINE GIRL and TOKYO GORE POLICE comes the twisted comedy ROBOGEISHA. When two sisters vie for the affection of a handsome and wealthy steel baron, the extremes that they go to prove their love for him are put to the test - even if it means becoming robot assassins! They become astute students as they carry out each successful mission, but younger sister, Yoshie, begins to ask herself: is she more than just a robotic killing machine?

Director:Noboru Iguchi

Cast:Aya Kiguchi, Hitomi Hasebe, Takumi Saito, Taro Shigaki, Etsuko Ikuta

Japan 2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 102 min.

Friday, April 16 10:00 PM

SUMMER WARS
SAMA WOZU
U.S. Premiere

Math geek, Kenji, gets the dream job of pretending to be Natsuki's (his longtime crush) boyfriend for a couple of days in the country. But when Kenji solves a 2,056 digit math riddle sent to his cell phone, he unwittingly breaches the security barricade protecting Oz (a globe-spanning virtual world where millions of people and governments interact through their avatars). Now a malicious AI program called the Love Machine is hijacking Oz accounts while growing exponentially more powerful and it's up to Kenji and his friends to stop him.

Director: Mamoru Hosoda

Cast: Ryunosuke Kamiki, Nanami Sakuraba, Mitsuki Tanimura, Sumiko Fuji

Japan 2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 114 min.

Monday, April 19 8:15 PM

THE SUMMIT A CHRONICLE OF STONES
TSURUGIDAKE: TEN NO KI
U.S. Premiere

Winning multiple awards at the 2010 Japan Academy Awards, THE SUMMIT finally makes its Hawaii debut. Set during the closing years of the Meiji Era, renowned surveyor, Yoshitaro Shibazaki (Tadanobu Asano), is recruited by the Japanese military to scale the most dangerous peak in Japan: Mt. Tsurugidake. As he and a small crew map the territory, they face a range of climactic conditions, from springtime blossoms to blizzards and avalanches. In the grand tradition of David Lean, this inspirational tale holds true in its portrait of honorable men pursuing their ambitions and makes this film one not to miss.

Director:Daisaku Kimura

Cast:Tadanobu Asano, Teruyuki Kagawa, Ryuhei Matsuda, Aoi Miyazaki, Koji Yakusho

Japan 2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 140 min.

Saturday, April 17 12:00 PM

Sunday, April 18 2:30 PM

TBA

HIFF is always on the hunt to secure the latest in international cinema. Therefore, we've reserved this slot for a special surprise screening on an exhilarating new film to our film savvy audiences. Visit www.hiff.org or follow us on twitter (@hiff) for the latest announcement on this soon to be filled TBA slot!

Thursday, April 22 8:45 PM

THREE IDIOTS **Hawaii Premiere**

Two friends (Madhavan and Sharman Joshi) embark on a quest for a lost buddy. During their journey, they encounter a long forgotten bet, crash a wedding and a funeral that goes impossibly out of control. As they make their way through the perilous landscape, another journey begins: an inner journey through memory lane and the story of their friend - the irrepressible free thinker Rancho (Aamir Khan), who in his unique way, touched and changed their lives. THREE IDIOTS conveys a powerful message about how valuable your friends can be when they push you toward reaching your own highest potential.

Director:Rajkumar Hirani

Cast:Aamir Khan, Kareena Kapoor, R. Madhavan, Sharman Joshi, Boman Irani, Omi Vaidya, Mona Singh, Jaaved Jaferi

India 2009 | Hindi w/ English subtitles | 173 min.

Sunday, April 18 11:00 AM

Wednesday, April 21 5:00 PM

TODAY'S SPECIAL **Hawaii Premiere**

When Samir, an ambitious chef, is passed up for a promotion, he heads home to to Jackson Heights, where the dilapidated family restaurant 'Tandoori Palace' beckons. A down but not out Samir takes up the challenge to make a success of the family restaurant. A sparkling romantic comedy that hits the heart as well as the funny bone, TODAY'S SPECIAL is a lovingly crafted ode to family, food and New York City. Steaming kitchens and Bollywood songs of yore fill this hilarious second feature from Kaplan, written by and starring the great Aasif Mandvi.

Director:David Kaplan

Cast:Aasif Mandvi, Jess Weixler, Madhur Jaffrey, Naseeruddin Shah, Harish Patel, Kevin Corrigan

United States 2009 | English | 99 min.

Thursday, April 22 8:30 PM

TYPEFACE **Hawaii Premiere**

The Hamilton Wood Type Museum in Two Rivers, WI personifies cultural preservation, rural re-birth and the lineage of American graphic design. At Hamilton, international artisans meet retired craftsmen and together navigate the convergence of modern design and traditional technique. But the Museum's days are numbered. TYPEFACE asks the question - what is the responsibility of artists and historians to preserve a dying craft?

Director:Justine Nagan

Cast:

United States 2009 | English | 61 min.

Wednesday, April 21 6:15 PM

VILLON'S WIFE

VIYON NO TSUMA

U.S. Premiere

After her husband Otani (Tadanobu Asano, MONGOL) steals 5,000 yen from a middle-aged couple who own a bar, Sachi arrives at the establishment as a self-professed "guarantee" for the stolen money, and her beauty and friendliness quickly makes the bar popular. Despite being constantly humiliated by her husband, Sachi still finds herself defending him, but her growing independence changes the dynamics of their relationship, and Sachi must decide if she will stay with Otani or leave him.

Director:Kichitaro Negishi

Cast:Takako Matsu, Tadanobu Asano, Shigeru Muroi, Masato Ibu, Ryoko Hirose, Satoshi Tsumabuki, Shinichi Tsutsumi

Japan 2009 | Japanese w/ English subtitles | 114 min.

Sunday, April 18 6:00 PM

VINCERE

Hawaii Premiere

The closely guarded story of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini's secret lover and son is revealed in fittingly operatic proportions in this electrifying tour de force. Thunderstruck by the young Mussolini's charisma, Ida Dalsler gives up everything to help champion his revolutionary ideas. When he disappears during World War I and later resurfaces with a new wife, the scorned Dasler and her son are locked away in separate asylums for more than a decade. But Ida will not disappear without a fight.

Director:Marco Bellocchio

Cast:Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Filippo Timi

Italy, France 2009 | Italian w/ English subtitles | 128 min.

Monday, April 19 8:45 PM

WAKING SLEEPING BEAUTY

Hawaii Premiere

By the mid-1980s, the fabled animation studios of Walt Disney had fallen on hard times. The artists were polarized between newcomers hungry to innovate and old timers not yet ready to relinquish control. The conditions produced a series of box office flops and pessimistic forecasts: maybe the best days of animation were over. Maybe the public didn't care. Only a miracle or a magic spell could produce a happy ending. WAKING SLEEPING BEAUTY is no fairy tale. It's the true story of how Disney regained its magic with a staggering output of hits THE LITTLE MERMAID, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, ALADDIN, THE LION KING and more over a 10-year period.

Director:Don Hahn

Cast:Don Hahn, Ron Clements, Roy Disney, Glen Keane, Jeffrey Katzenberg, Mike Gabriel

United States 2010 | English | 86 min.

Wednesday, April 21 8:00 PM

Festival Information

Hawaii International Film Festival, established in 1981, 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. It is also the primary source for the discovery and exhibition of Asian and Pacific feature films, documentaries and videos in the nation. The festival has premiered such movies as ONCE WERE WARRIORS, THE PIANO, SHINE, SHALL WE DANCE, Y TU MAMA TAMBIEN and CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

The 2010 Hawaii International Film Spring Festival will be held April 16-22, 2010 at the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theaters and the 30th Annual Hawaii International Film Fall Festival will be held in October 2010. For more information please visit our website at www.hiff.org.

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