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**HAWAII INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL HOSTS OFFICIAL OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA PARTY  
AT ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT  
*Tickets Now on Sale***

HONOLULU, HI (January 7, 2010) – The excitement and glamour of Hollywood’s biggest night is coming to The Royal Hawaiian Hotel, A Luxury Collection Resort, on Sunday, March 7th as the Hawaii International Film Festival hosts HIFF’s Oscar Night America party. Guests are invited to experience the thrill of the 82nd Academy Awards® and black tie affair during an advanced telecast, which will allow party guests to see the ceremony before anyone else in the Islands.

Oscar Night® America benefits HIFF, which 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’s celebration in Honolulu is one of 50 official Oscar viewing parties in cities across the country and is the only official Oscar Night® America party in Hawaii.

The benefit event will be held in the Monarch Ballroom at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Arrivals and cocktail party begin at 4:00 p.m. with the advanced telecast of the award ceremony beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase starting January 1st, 2010 for \$300.00 per person for seating on the Monarch Lanai or \$400.00 per person for seating in the Monarch Room. HIFF Ohana Members are being offered a discounted rate of \$250.00 per person for the Monarch Lanai and \$350 for the Monarch Room.

Tables for ten are available for purchase at various levels: Level One: \$3,000/table (HIFF Ohana Members \$2,500/table) - seating outside on the lanai; Level Two: \$4,000/table (HIFF Ohana Members \$3,500/table) - seating inside Monarch Room; Level Three: \$5,000/table – Priority seating inside Monarch Room; Level Four: \$8,000/table – Private room seating.

To purchase tickets, please call HIFF at 697-2463 ext. #1 and for more information please visit us online at [www.hiff.org](http://www.hiff.org).

“Our Oscar Night® America party is a grand event every year and one of the highlights this year is sure to be our silent auction, where we will be auctioning off some fantastic items from great films and TV shows including LOST, which is set to air it’s final season in January, along with other great Hollywood memorabilia and collectible treasures,” says HIFF executive director Chuck Boller.

Guests will enjoy a taste of the Academy Awards as they make their way down the red carpet, relishing a delicious four-course meal while watching all the action unfold from Hollywood on large TV screens.

Prime table seats include official Oscar Night® America program book for each guest, 2 bottles of champagne, Official Oscar Night® America poster (one per table) and silent auction preferred check out. Copies of the 82nd Academy Award® commemorative poster will be available for purchase as well.

ABC Television and the Academy are cooperating for the 17th year with local charities throughout the United States to support official Oscar Night® viewing parties. Last year, Oscar Night® America parties raised over \$3 million for charities across America, all of it remaining in local communities.

The [82nd Academy Awards®](#) honoring the best in film will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the [Kodak Theatre](#) in [Hollywood](#) and will be broadcast here in Hawaii on the ABC affiliate KITV.

## **Hawaii International Film Festival**

Established in 1981, HIFF 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](http://www.hiff.org).

## **ABOUT THE ACADEMY**

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is the world's preeminent movie-related organization, with a membership of more than 6,000 of the most accomplished men and women working in cinema. In addition to the annual Academy Awards—in which the members vote to select the nominees and winners—the Academy presents a diverse year-round slate of public programs, exhibitions and events; provides financial support to a wide range of other movie-related organizations and endeavors; acts as a neutral advocate in the advancement of motion picture technology; and, through its Margaret Herrick Library and Academy Film Archive, collects, preserves, restores and provides access to movies and items related to their history. Through these and other activities the Academy serves students, historians, the entertainment industry and people everywhere who love movies.

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