

Please Join us for the Premier Red Carpet Event of the Pacific

44TH HAWAI'I INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

AWARDS
Gala
PRESENTED BY HALEKULANI

SUPPORTING FILM AND FILMMAKERS FOR 44 YEARS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024
HALEKULANI BALLROOM
2199 KALIA RD, HONOLULU, HI 96815

SIX O'CLOCK
RED CARPET

SEVEN O'CLOCK
CEREMONY

BLACK TIE AFFAIR

Five Course Dinner
Competition and Festival Awards and Honoree Celebration

TABLE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PRODUCERS TABLE - \$ 15,000

- Seated with HIFF Special VIP Guest
- Premium Wine + Champagne
- Ten (10) Seats at the table for your invited guests
 - + Two (2) Seats for HIFF Special Guest
- Ten (10) One-Year HIFF Selects Memberships
- Special premium gifts for your table
- HIFF Donor Acknowledgment Package for HIFF44 or HIFF45
 - Logo/Text Acknowledgment on website
 - Mahalo Ad-Slide prior to all in-theater HIFF44 or HIFF45 screenings
 - Opportunity to donate product for attendee gifts

DIRECTORS TABLE - \$10,000

- Seated with a Visiting Director or Filmmaker
- Premium Wine
- Eight (8) Seats at the table for your invited guests
 - + Two (2) Seats for Visiting HIFF44 Director/Filmmaker
- Eight (8) One-Year HIFF Selects Memberships
- Special gifts for your table
- Donor Acknowledgement in Gala materials

JURY TABLE - \$5,000

- Seated with HIFF Jury Member
- Premium Wine
- Eight (8) Seats at the table for your invited guests
 - + Two (2) Seats for HIFF Jury Members
- Special gifts for attendees
- Donor Acknowledgment in Gala Materials

INDIVIDUAL SEAT - \$500

SUPPORT HIFF NOMINATED FILMMAKERS TABLE - \$2,500

- A very special opportunity to support a full table for HIFF's nominated local and visiting filmmakers to enjoy the Gala and awards announcements
- Table will be named in supporter's honor and displayed during event
- Donor Acknowledgment in Gala Materials
- Please note: all Nominated Filmmaker seatings are completed by HIFF, not the table sponsor

Table reservations must be made by October 5, 2024

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ALOHA MAI KĀKOU,

It is my pleasure to cordially invite you to attend the beloved Hawai'i International Film Festival Awards Gala presented by Halekulani in the stunning Halekulani Ballroom. Known as the premier red-carpet event of the Pacific, our HIFF Gala Awards Show spotlights the best talent and cinema in Asia, the US and the Pacific. The Gala hosts esteemed international honorees and industry special guests, announces the award-winning films of the Fall Festival, and honors the innovative voices emerging from Hawai'i. HIFF strives to continue our legacy of cultural exchange presented through the powerful medium of film. Over 40,000 attendees experience the Festival annually, and the Awards Gala is our culminating event on O'ahu.

This black-tie affair in celebration of emerging and world-renowned talent will commend international and local celebrities, a five-course dinner from Halekulani's award-winning chefs, and awards for all of HIFF44 Nominated films across five categories. As an Academy Award®-qualifying festival for our Best Short Film and Made in Hawai'i Short Film Awards, these HIFF award winners can now qualify to be nominated for the Oscars.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, your table sponsorship is tax deductible and contributes significantly to the important work HIFF takes on to advance and uplift film and creatives across Hawai'i and the Pacific. Every success we achieve is a direct reflection of your support. We look forward to hearing from you and are grateful to have you as part of our 'ohana.

Me ke mahalo piha,



Beckie Stocchetti
Executive Director, HIFF

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STANLEY NELSON

HIFF44 HALEKULANI VISION IN FILM

Stanley Nelson is the foremost chronicler of the African American experience working in nonfiction film today. A MacArthur "Genius" Fellow, Nelson was awarded a Peabody for his body of work in 2016. In 2013, President Barack Obama presented Nelson with the National Medal in the Humanities. Nelson founded Firelight Films, a production company and non-profit that produces documentary films, develops strategies, partnerships, and materials to reach and engage diverse audiences.



TEMUERA MORRISON

HIFF44 LEANNE K FERRER TRAILBLAZER AWARD

New Zealand born Temuera Morrison has long been an international cultural icon; not only as one of the nation's foremost actors but as a leading proponent of Māori culture and performance. His career breakthrough came in 1994, playing Jake "The Muss" Heke in the groundbreaking movie *ONCE WERE WARRIORS*, and its follow-up *WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKEN HEARTED?* Some of Temuera's most iconic roles include Jango Fett and Boba Fett of the Star Wars Universe, Chief Tui in Disney's *MOANA* and upcoming *MOANA 2*, and Tom Curry in the *Aquaman* movies.



SANDRA NG

HIFF44 SPOTLIGHT ON HONG KONG FILMMAKER IN PROFILE

Award-winning actor Sandra Ng is a mainstay of Hong Kong cinema, from her iconic comedic performances reaching back to the 1980s through to more serious roles and recent work as a director and producer. A household name as Hong Kong's 'Queen of Comedy', her films have been consistent box-office smashes throughout the decades, in both Hong Kong and China, and her versatility has also been recognized at the Golden Horse and Hong Kong film awards for her powerhouse dramatic performances.



JIMMY O. YANG

HIFF44 HALEKULANI MAVERICK AWARD

Jimmy O. Yang is an actor, comedian, writer and producer who is best known for his roles in *LOVE HARD*, *SILICON VALLEY*, *CRAZY RICH ASIANS* and *SPACE FORCE*, where he also served as a writer. He just wrapped filming Hulu's *INTERIOR CHINATOWN* where he has the starring role of Winston Wu. As a standup comedian, Jimmy's newest standup comedy special *GUESS HOW MUCH?* premiered on Amazon Prime to millions of views and his debut standup special *GOOD DEAL*, also on Amazon Prime, likewise quickly became some of the most viewed standup comedy clips on social media.



CHARLES YU

HIFF44 HALEKULANI MAVERICK AWARD

Charles Yu is the author of four books, including his latest, *Interior Chinatown*, which won the 2020 National Book Award for Fiction, was shortlisted for the Le Prix Médicis étranger, and longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. He has received the National Book Foundation's 5 Under 35 Award, been nominated for two Writers Guild of America awards for his work on the HBO series *WESTWORLD*, and has also written for shows on FX, AMC, Facebook Watch, and Adult Swim. Hulu ordered the TV adaptation of *INTERIOR CHINATOWN* to series with Yu as executive producer. The entire series will be released November 19th on Hulu in North America.



JUSTIN MARKS

HIFF44 HALEKULANI MAVERICK AWARD

Justin Marks is an Oscar-nominated screenwriter and television Creator and Executive Producer. In feature films, Justin was most recently a writer on the worldwide box-office hit film *TOP GUN: MAVERICK* for producers Jerry Bruckheimer, Tom Cruise, and Paramount. In television, Justin is the Co-Creator and Showrunner of the FX epic series *SHOGUN* based on the novel by James Clavell.



RACHEL KONDO

HIFF44 HALEKULANI MAVERICK AWARD

Rachel Kondo was born and raised on Maui. Her writing has appeared in *Electric Literature*, *Ploughshares* *Solos* and *Indiana Review*. In 2019, her story "Girl of Few Seasons" was included in *The O. Henry Prize Stories* and selected as a juror favorite by Elizabeth Strout. She co-created the FX television production of *SHOGUN*, adapted from the novel by James Clavell.