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HENRY KAPONO, "THE WILD HAWAIIAN"  
*Live in Concert at 2011 Big Island Film Festival "Best of the Fest," Sunday, May 15*

For immediate release

KOHALA COAST, HAWAII—Kapono means "righteous" in Hawaiian, and Henry Kapono will deliver some righteous Hawaiian music Sunday, May 15, 2011 at the Big Island Film Festival Best of the Fest Concert at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i Plantation Estate.

Athlete, self-taught musician, singer, songwriter, traveler, author and actor, Kapono is part of Hawaii's groundbreaking duo, Cecilio & Kapono, which reunites annually. His musical career, including 14 solo albums starting with "Stand in the Light" in 1981, has achieved numerous Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards and a Grammy nomination for "The Wild Hawaiian." Described as "a very 'Bohemic' collage of innovation and creativity continually evolving in a way that very few artists are able to sustain," Kapono's music reaches out to a broad international fan community.

"Henry is a fabulous addition to this year's Big Island Film Festival," said Executive Director Leo Sears. "Not only will his music wow the crowd at Best of the Fest on Sunday, he's an actor in one of the movies—'Get a Job' starring Willie K and Eric Gilliom—on Thursday night at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii Plantation Estate."

Tickets go on sale April 1, and can be purchased on line at [www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com](http://www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com).

Best of the Fest tickets are \$40 at the door (\$30 kama'āina) and \$35 in advance (\$25 kama'āina), \$10 keiki 6-12. Admission includes Henry Kapono Concert, the audience-voted Best Feature and Best Short Films of BIFF 2011 and Silent Auction to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project

for America's veterans. In addition, Hilo's own Kristina Anapau ("Black Swan") will make a special appearance and receive a Big Island Film Festival Ha'aeo Award.

The Big Island "Talk Story" Film Festival, a celebration of independent narrative films and filmmaking, takes place May 11-15, 2011 at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i and The Shops at Mauna Lani. (Self-parking validated.) Individual event tickets and passes are available April 1.

- **Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.** Free Grand Opening May 11 at The Shops at Mauna Lani, to welcome the filmmakers and celebrities, and enjoy short films.
- **Thursday-Saturday, May 12-14.** Daytime movies at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii Amphitheatre (times vary) and nightly double-feature Festival Films (up to R-rated) at their Plantation Estate, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Free Family Films at The Shops at Mauna Lani Center Stage, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 14.** Filmmaker Workshops with Naketha Mattocks and Ron Osborn.
- **Sunday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.** "Best of the Fest" featuring Henry Kaponu in concert and audience-voted Best Feature and Best Short of BIFF 2011.

For complete schedule information and tickets, visit [www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com](http://www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com).

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