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SPACE CLOSING FOR FILMMAKING, SCREENWRITING WORKSHOPS
Deadline to register is May 6, 2011

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KOHALA COAST, HAWAII—Limited space is still available, but the registration deadline for Big Island Film Festival’s two professional filmmaking workshops is May 6. “Inside Pitch: How to pitch effectively in an evolving marketplace”, by producer Naketha Mattocks precedes Ron Osborn’s screenwriting workshop “It’s Alive: Breathing Life into Your Characters”, for a full day of education on Saturday, May 14.

Producer Naketha Mattocks is former head of development at Larger Than Life, the production company of Oscar-nominated writer/director Gary Ross (*Hunger Games, Seabiscuit, Pleasantville*). She was also an executive at Paramount Pictures and Vice President of Development at Baltimore/Spring Creek Pictures. Screenwriter Ron Osborn’s memorable characters include those in TV comedies like *Mork & Mindy, Night Court, Moonlighting* and *Duckman* as well as *West Wing* and feature films like *Meet Joe Black*.

Both programs take place Saturday, May 14 at The Shops at Mauna Lani (exact location TBD).

- “Inside Pitch: How to pitch effectively in an evolving marketplace” by Naketha Mattocks, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- “It’s Alive: Breathing Life into Your Characters” by Ron Osborn, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Workshops cost \$50 each with advance registration required by May 6. Early registration is suggested as space is limited and participants will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Workshop registration forms are available at www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com

The Big Island “Talk Story” Film Festival is a celebration of narrative filmmaking, May 11-15 at Mauna Lani Resort. Events include free family films under the stars at The Shops at Mauna

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Lani, daytime movies and nightly double features at The Fairmont Orchid, Hawai'i Plantation Estate (self-parking validated), stellar social events, networking opportunities, celebrity receptions, awards and a closing night "Best of the Fest" starring Henry Kapon in concert and the audience-voted Best Feature and Best Short from BIFF 2011. For more information and to purchase ticket online, visit www.BigIslandFilmFestival.com or call 808-883-0394.

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